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# The Risks Of Royalty

When fire broke out in Windsor Castle near London last week, the flames damaged parts of the historic royal building commissioned by William the Conqueror more than nine centuries ago. The fire, caused by unknown factors, could also be seen as a bleak symbol of the troubles affecting the House of Windsor itself. Two of the family's most prominent members, Charles and his wife, Diana, the Prince and Princess of Wales, have become the leading characters in a sad and sometimes controversial saga that is being played out in Britain's tabloid press. With friends of both royals feeding information to reporters, details of the tragically loveless marriage between the two royals have also kindled headlines that are, inevitably, damaging to the monarchy.

There are clear indications that the royal scandals of the past year have dented the standing of the Royal Family in the public eye. A poll reported out by *The Sunday Times* of London in June showed that fewer than half of Britons polled (46 per cent) believe that the monarchy will exist in 50 years (down from 69 per cent in 1990). The survey also showed that only 36 per cent of those polled felt that the royals set a good example of family life.

Still, there has been no general collapse yet in support for the Royal Family, let alone for the principle of monarchy, in Britain. The Queen remains embraced personally by the scandals and the general public attitude a more of bemusement rather than hostility over the royals' dirty linen. But those who care about the monarchy say that the increasing misdeeds of some members of the family could do such lasting damage that, ultimately, will effectively destroy it. *Sunday Mirror's* London Bureau Chief Andrew Phillips, who wrote this week's cover story on the troubled royals: "The risk is that if certain members of the Royal Family do not put their lives in order, the British people will not continue to support the institution that they represent."



Phillips predicts that the increasing misdeeds of some family members will destroy the monarchy.

*Kevin Wray*

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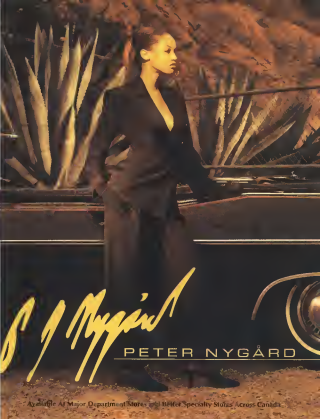
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# LETTERS

## In with the new

The dismal failure of President George Bush's do-nothing, laissez-faire, leave-it-to-the-public-sector policy has frustrated and angered the voters. President-elect Bill Clinton must now deliver the solution that will meet their expectations—no mean task by any measure. Obviously, big business does not necessarily produce healthy national economies. Stage must be taken to re-establish the government's role in our own economy, but they must be taken judiciously. So, how will Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's government react to the Clinton administration ("Clinton and Canada," Cover, Nov. 16/97)? Will its obsession with pleasuring our neighbor continue unabated? If it adopts that which is working, without already maintaining leadership with the U.S. government's policies as it did in the Reagan-Bush era, we may achieve the best of both worlds.

Charles P. Shroyer  
Pawcatuck

## Police report

I do not know about Allan Fotheringham, but I am more concerned about criminals stealing their game and someone getting shot. ("The 'Child' evolution" takes root in Ontario," Column, Nov. 8). Let the police do their job to serve and protect the public, not the criminals. In putting their lives on the line, cops should not have to second-guess their judgment because of restrictive legislation. The Toronto police are not trying to overthrow the government—the next election will handle that.

Robert Kline,  
Ottawa

I find it truly enlightening that Toronto police will go to such measures to avoid having to write a report each time they drive their guns. Wonderly we are closer to a police state than we think of could have be better. Premier Bob Rae has turned himself a person of suspect by lying about guns.

Phyllis Malone,  
Victoria

## 'Satisfying work'

I am depressed not only by the noise, but even more by the content of Mr. Paul Kaila's above-captioned article ("Concordia's trials," Special Report, Nov. 9). I met Mr.



Clinton will Mulroney's government maintain strong links with U.S. policies?

Kaila on Sept. 30 at the opening of our new library building and chatted with him for a few minutes. He told me that he was writing an article about Concordia and asked me for some information about the faculty of engineering and computer science. I said that I would be very happy to talk to him, he advised me that he would call me on the next Monday, Oct. 5, but did not do so. Mr. Kaila finally called me at home on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 9:30 p.m. When I asked him why he had not called me earlier, as we had discussed, he replied that he had been busy with some other assignment. Since it was late, I suggested to call him the next day at my office. The following day when we spoke (three days before the magazine was on the newsstand), he became slow to the fact he was not interested in the faculty but only in my publications. I suggested an in-person interview, but he stated that he had no time. We then talked for approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Kaila has elected to quote, in a very selective manner, some of my comments and answers to his questions. Mr. Kaila's choice of quotes appears to be directed towards establishing a difference in academic standards between me and other interviewees, principally fellow deans of engineering faculties of other universities. For example, when asked whether providing financial assistance to a researcher automatically makes the grant-holder a co-author of the resulting paper, my answer, like that of Dean Blomberg, was a clear "No." By omitting my reply in his article, Mr. Kaila made it appear to readers that I held the opposite view. I did not, as Mr. Kaila claims, say that I was lured as a co-author simply because I suggested the idea in a junior review. I did say that "the idea is the most important thing," but I also stated that the co-author should participate in the research through periodic discussions and suggesting lines of thought. If Mr. Kaila had omitted this statement, it would have shown that my views are the same as Dean Blomberg's. I am a

strong believer in collaborative research. The interchange of ideas and the process of mutual criticism greatly enhances creativity. Regarding the total number of my publications, I clearly tend to explain to him the difference between full-length journal papers, which are generally published one or two years after they are submitted, and conference papers, letters to the editor or correspondence items which contain preliminary or partial results and comments on the work of others and which are published much more rapidly. I also explained to him why we present papers at conferences, that in many cases only the abstracts are presented (not the full paper), and that many times, two or three conference papers may be combined later into one full-length journal paper. Any scientist who has widely published is aware of these facts. I am of every leading scientists in my field or in some smaller or more, who have a similar number of publications and who, in addition, have contributed to a number of books, and in some cases over a thousand pages of text. Some of the students and post-graduate fellows who have worked with me came with their own fellowships and could have worked with other professors or at other institutions, but they chose to work with me. If I have continued to be productive and if I am still supervising students and post-graduate fellows, it is not for professional or professional reasons, since I obtained these at quite an early age. I continue to pursue my research activities with my students and colleagues only because it is intellectually stimulating and satisfying.

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# LETTERS

## It's pathetic

The referendum result reveals all that is pathetic and distorted about our national political consciousness ("What happens next," Cover/Referendum file, Nov. 2). The No vote was out to make a collective gesture denouncing the Charlottetown agreement as it was an unbridled rejection of the entire Canadian political establishment. This was not a "Molotov cocktail"; it was a collective reaction by 37 leaders of every political and ethnic stripe. And where are we? Opportunities have once again played nicely into the hands of the Blomberg, and Pearson the Grinch, who has his hands on the prospect of winning Quebec from the rest of Canada. Canadians voted for inclusion in the constitutional process and yet instead, a no vote, still voted from behind a veil of ignorance. It was far too easy to vote No, and much more difficult, as you know, to look beyond self-interest and sweet a faith for the future.

John Lavers  
Victoria

I think you missed one reason why Canadians voted No—we had a choice to vote. If the agreement had gone to the Commons, one vote would have been denied to death and thus passed by a majority vote. And turned out we were allowed to bypass the government and vote directly as we wished. Can you imagine what would have happened to the COT, the First Trade Agreement, the capital punishment law, or a host of other legislated items that were very unpopular with the public, if they had gone to a referendum? I don't expect the members of Parliament to go this route very soon again, nor would I want them to, but before they pass any bill in the future they could ask themselves: would it pass a referendum?

E. C. Menzies,  
Surrey, B.C.

Maclean's reported that households earning less than \$50,000 per year were against the proposed deal. These are the households that are the first to feel the effect of governmental policies. They do not have the same insulation as those in higher income brackets. With the gap between rich and poor widening at an alarming rate since 1984, it is surprising the rich have no sense of government responsibility.

George Cuperley,  
Brighton, Ont.

I was interested to read that 50 per cent of No voters said new constitutional talks to begin within the next 12 months ("The meaning of No," Cover/Referendum file, Nov. 2). Quebec and the West rejected the deal despite the significant gains that each was offered. Any new deal will have to come at the other's

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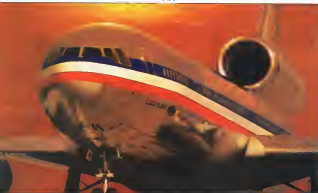
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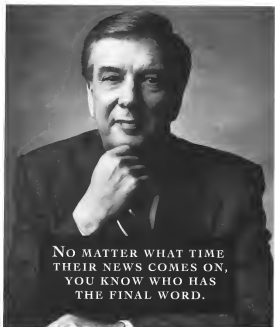
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# Valuing things from 'the good old days'

BY CHARLES GORDON

**A**t certain times, as the sun sets on the reconstruc-tive age, you catch your self thinking as unthinkable thoughts—that some things are good in themselves, whether they are complete in world modern or not.

Sitting here watching the Canadian Football League on television, the Hamilton Titans and the Ottawa Rough Riders on a Sunday afternoon in November. It's like the good old days, everything looks like the Canadian Football League as we all remember it. It is so moving and the colors of the uniforms on the television screen are softened by the years. Riders creep away the snow to expose a dry spot for the fabled locker. A football punt skitters around the snowy field, eluding the grasp of one diving player after another until a Hamilton player bats the ball out of bounds.

Goodly plays abound, the Hamiltons often deliberately snap the ball over the punter's head and through the end zone, mimicking something that may never be witnessed again. As a "two-point safety touch", at afternoon, single points are scored on missed field goals.

Throughout the telecast, Canadian owners are heard. Jack Christie from Quebec's catfish and troutery game for Ottawa, Gord Weber from the University of Ottawa intercepts a Titans pass. So does Brian Fowler from York. For Hamilton, Ken Egan catches and Orrin Lee runs. CFL tradition is evident, spectators at the Titans bench in Joe Zogor who quietly tucked and patted for Hamilton in the CFL's play years, on the Hamilton roster are Jim and Joey (each of Hamilton, sons of Jay Blach) who ran for Winnipeg and Edmonton 30 years ago.

Even the visual background is reminiscent of the good old days. When field goals and six points are kicked, the camera looks beyond the lines of New Wynde Stadium and picks up residential streets and people's houses. Somehow it gives the game a human scale, the notion that people live beside the stadium that

there is more around it than a sea of parking lot concrete, that the arena is part of the community. The same kind of view is available at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa and Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, where commentators at halftime stand in the sun to preview the Saskatchewan-Edmonton game and make typically Canadian remarks about the snow in Laval.

At halftime the scene shifts to San Antonio, Tex., where Mike Riley is talking about the possibility of coaching the San Antonio team in an expanded CFL. Riley, who has coached in Winnipeg, says that the expanded league must "protect the integrity" of the Canadian game, not only for the sake of the fans but for the young players in amateur football in Canada. Belief in the CFL is the shared surface where the San Antonio team of the CFL would play.

Human scale is what has been lacking in the CFL, and much of Canadian society lately, lost in the rush to be competitive. The Titans and British Columbia's new play in Denver, walled off from the community. Toronto's team is owned by a rich American. So is Ottawa's. The salary structure last human scale when the Montreal Alouettes were still in the league and the richer owners lost all of their American

begin paying huge dollars to have big-name American. The fan-rich owners, including the community-owned teams, struggled to compete and the cost of running a franchise "they needed out of control" as they might say on the sports pages.

The only aspect of the game that has kept the human scale in the wrong our attention has dropped. Only 21,000 people saw Hamilton beat Ottawa, empty seats were a abundance in Edmonton, dispirited Saskatchewan. This has much to do with the fact that the television has lost human scale as well. When the CFL, three or four years were beamed to populations that had a choice of half a dozen channels in the larger cities and perhaps only two in some smaller ones and in rural areas. Now, there are dozens of channels, dozens of games to watch, not many of them Canadian.

It is against this background that the "threat," if you want to call it that, of Canadian Football League expansion must be measured. The CFL has changed, and so has the country. While many see expansion into the United States as a threat, others view it as an opportunity.

You are familiar with the arguments by now that the CFL cannot survive unless it expands, that expansion to the United States means the end of its game, the end of opportunities for Canadian players, the return of the "threat" is new, but the modern day threat is not. In the past, the threat came from new leagues coming into Canada—the Continental League, the USFL, the World League of American Football. And when a threat arose, it was recognized as such. Remember the Toronto Northmen? They were going to be Toronto's entry in the NFL. Having a Toronto team in the NFL was seen as a threat to the Canadian Football League. Action was demanded and the government met the day took it. The Toronto Northmen went back across the border, where they became the Memphis Southmen.

That is the difference between the situation now and the situation then. Today, no one is demanding that the government act, because no one thinks that the government would have the slightest inclination to do so. After all, the CFL expansion debate is the free trade debate in disguise. This government told us that free trade was an opportunity and we should not be afraid to seize it. The same kind of thing is being said about putting Canadian football into Portland, Sacramento and San Antonio. We should not be afraid to seize it.

If we felt a little better about how we have progressed under the Free Trade Agreement, we might feel better about the future of Canadian football on this larger and perhaps less level field. It is the CFL's dilemma: to be facing a crisis at a time when the climate of opinion, at least the governmental climate of opinion, does not have a lot of extra effort on behalf of national institutions. The amount of support shown for the railroads, the postal service, the CBC and the National Arts Centre, among others, clearly demonstrates that the CFL will have to solve its problems without help. In a year, the situation might be different.

Charles Gordon is a columnist with The Ottawa Citizen.





Calgary General leadership forum: rhetoric on drastic measures to put the province's financial house in order

## CANADA

# RUNNING SCARED

Optimists hoped that it would generate the excitement normally associated with a political leadership race. Campaign workers plastered the hall with colorful posters. A jazz band offered spirited renditions of Dave Tyson Brothers Ball and other old favorites. But despite these festive touches, the 6,490-seat Calgary Stampede Centre looked deserted last week when only 1,200 people showed up for what Alberta Conservatives had presented as a showcase for the state candidates vying to succeed Premier Don Getty. Worse still, many in-room members left the event long before all the speakers had made their pitches. For some longtime Alberta Tories, the lacklustre de-

## CANDIDATES FOR THE ALBERTA TORY LEADERSHIP ARE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THEIR OWN RECORD

bate—one of several across the province in advance of the Nov. 28 leadership vote—reflected fears that, after 21 years in power, the party is facing an unprecedented crisis. "Many Albertans no longer share anything with this party," lamented Terry Lawrence, a Tory supporter who runs a market research company in Calgary. "Maybe it needs a term or two in the wilderness."

The gloomy mood shared by Lawrence and many of his fellow party members is one indication of how far the Alberta Conservative's political fortunes have fallen since Peter Lougheed led the party to a series of overwhelming election victories in the 1970s and early 1980s. Since Getty replaced him in 1985,

year in as premier, Getty's government has grappled with the federal income-cutting act, gas and grain price increases that have acted as an economic magnet, driving job-seekers from across the country, the number of Albertans receiving welfare jumped by 21 per cent in the past year. During Getty's term, the province's accumulated debt grew from near zero to almost \$15 billion. His government has also lost over \$1 billion because of bad investments and it faces complaints of widespread patronage—including the appointment of Getty's brother as the \$60,000-a-year chairman of the Alberta Gaming Commission.

The conservatives have taken a serious toll. Party membership has dropped from over 300,000 a decade ago to just 11,500 as of September. eager to recruit new members, the party's executive abandoned the traditional method of selecting a leader in which party members from each constituency meet to elect delegates to a leadership convention. Following the example of several other political parties across Canada—including the Parti Québécois and Ontario's Conservatives—the Alberta Tories will allow all 200 party members to cast leadership ballots at polling booths across the province.

If a candidate wins more than 50 per cent of the vote on Nov. 28, the top three candidates will compete in a run-off election on Dec. 5,

The 35 party endorsements will remain on sale throughout both phases of the campaign. Still, party insiders agree that the actual endorsement is unlikely to tip 40,000 by the time the first ballot is cast. Critics of the process complain that it allows supporters of rival parties to purchase memberships as an attempt to influence the vote. But party president Edward Carmichael insists that he was willing to take that chance. Declared Carmichael: "The risk of people buying a membership for the wrong reasons is nowhere near as great as the risk of failing to renew the party."

The need for renewal is a common theme among the leadership candidates. Indeed, much of the campaign rhetoric has focused on the perceived need for drastic measures to put the province's financial house in order. Kim says that he would introduce legislation to outline budgetary shortfalls—such as the \$2.3 billion deficit that the Getty government is projecting for the current fiscal year. Orsman, for his part, says that he will balance the books within three years, or maybe as soon as

some of the candidates have even proposed a once-unthinkable measure—liquidation of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund. Established in 1976, the fund received a fixed percentage of the province's mineral and gas revenues and was intended to act as a cushion for the dry times resources may run out. Orsman says that he would use the fund's \$22 billion to pay off the province's debt. Another candidate, Labor Minister Blaine McEwen, would take a slightly more modest \$10 billion in a one-shot effort to reduce the debt, and draw off a further \$71 million annually. Both schemes drew a sharp rebuke from Kim, who says that Albertans still consider the fund a sacred trust. Declared Kim: "I don't think they want to see their sole savings account liquidated to pay the mortgage we have created."

Kim, a three-term Calgary mayor before running for the Tories in the 1989 provincial election, is by far the most colorful candidate in the race. A former radio and TV reporter who acknowledges a fondness for alcohol but not smoking, Kim crossed a wire to the campaign when he told a convention of Alberta restaurateurs that, as premier, he would offer three volume discounts on purchases of liquor from the government. That promise drew criticism from Culture Minister Doug Mun, a former TV anchorman who said that a politician who has gone up drinking and smoking. The last thing Alberta needs, Mun implied, was a "glad-handing, smoking, drinking premier."

According to University of Calgary political scientist Roger Gibbons, the biggest challenge facing the next Tory leader is to make a clean break with the party's recent past. But the fact that all of the leading candidates are sitting cabinet members may make that difficult. Says Gibbons: "The problem is the weight of accountability after two decades in power." Alberta's new Tory leader will have to convince voters of an ability to cast that weight aside.

BRIAN BEIGMAN with JONN AROCK in Calgary

## National Notes

### HELP FOR ARMED PATIENTS

Federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell announced that Orsman will pay \$108,000 to each of an estimated 80 victims of handgun crime in the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan in the 1980s and 1990s. Financed by the Canadian and U.S. governments, the experiments involved custom checkbook and drug therapy. The subjects underwent several hours of therapy and other basic skills, including reading and writing.

### LIVING UPON THE LAW

Liberal Leader Jean Chrétien stripped Toronto MP John Barrett of his duties as he refused to support explicit action after he pulled a surprise amendment from the bill. On Oct. 22 appointment of Justice Toronto mayor Art Eggleton as the Liberal candidate in the Toronto-area riding of York Mills. Muscatelli had called Chrétien's decision to bypass the traditional nomination process undemocratic.

### A RECORD DRUG Bust

In what police described as the biggest drug bust in Canadian history, RCMP seized about 3,000 kilograms of cocaine, with a street value of almost \$3 billion, after a two-engine plane from Colombia landed at a private airport near Casey, Que. 450 km north of Montreal. Police later discovered a large drug processing lab in Lével, Que. They charged six men—three Colombians and three Quebecers—with illegally possessing, transporting and trafficking in cocaine.

### SCANDAL IN ONTARIO

Police in Ontario were investigating circumstances surrounding the resignations of a cabinet minister and Premier Bob Rae's senior communications adviser. Toronto Minister Peter Brown stopped down over a woman's claim that he had offered her a \$45,000 job after they slept together. The adviser, John Page, resigned amid allegations that he offered a royal commission to a woman in exchange for the criminal record of a woman at the centre of an earlier government scandal.

### THE BATTERED FISHERIES

A federal scientific advisory panel on fishing quotas recommended that Atlantic Canada cut quotas for next year should be set by between 60,000 tons, to 40,000 tons, in areas where fishing is still allowed. Federal Fisheries Minister John Crosbie, who last summer placed a two-year moratorium on fishing offshores and set a coast guard of 100,000 tons, met with his Atlantic counterparts this week to discuss quotas for next year.

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# The court of last resort

Colin Thatcher makes a new claim for freedom

Discovered casually as a T-shirt, jeans and running shoes, Colin Thatcher sat quietly in the cramped chapel's office at the maximum-security Edmonton Institution. The 54-year-old Thatcher, a former Saskatchewan cabinet minister and the son of former Saskatchewan premier Ross Thatcher, appears tall and fit, the result of daily workouts at the prison gym and jogging sessions on an outdoor track. At 165 pounds, the surface-tall Thatcher is 41 pounds lighter than when he was given a life sentence in 1984 for the brutal murder of his ex-wife JoAnn Wilson. "Being fit is the only positive thing about being here," says Thatcher, who has consistently maintained his sentence. "I can do things today I couldn't do at 20. I can run five miles daily around the track. But I wouldn't be able to run it all in a straight line." For Thatcher, any moderate hope of a life beyond prison walls now rests with federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell.

Thatcher's Saskatoon-based lawyer, Gerald Allright, has already failed in two appeals of Thatcher's first-degree murder conviction to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. Now, he is asking Campbell to intervene in the case under Section 696 of the Criminal Code, which allows the justice minister to review, suspend or order a new trial in light of new evidence. An application under that section led to a Supreme Court of Canada hearing into the case of David Milgaard, who served 23 years for a murder that he had always maintained he did not commit. Milgaard was released earlier this year. Last week, justice department lawyers said that they are assessing Allright's application in an effort to determine whether Thatcher's case meets similar criteria.

Thatcher's appeal in Campbell is based largely on information gathered by a private investigator based in 1989. Allright says that the investigator, Bruce Dunne, a former Calgary police detective, has uncovered evidence that contradicts key information presented by the Crown at Thatcher's 1984 murder trial. The new evidence claimed by Allright includes signed statements from witnesses contradicting testimony given at Thatcher's trial, as well as new information surrounding a

receipt found near the murder scene.

Thatcher, an ambitious and often abrasive influence reader who served briefly as energy minister under former Conservative Saskatchewan premier Grant Devine in the early 1980s, had been married to Wilson for 17 years. After their divorce they waged a bitter and highly publicized custody battle over their three children.

On Jan. 31, 1983, in the garage of her formidable Regina home, an assistant bludgeoned the



Thatcher: 'being fit is the only positive thing'

43-year-old Wilson 20 times, then fired a bullet through her head. Wilson's death later, Regina police charged Thatcher with her murder. The subsequent trial, which led to three books and a popular CBC TV movie, pitted plenty of hard testimony, including the claim by a former mistress of Thatcher that he had confided to her following Wilson's murder that, "I have to admit it is a strange feeling to blow away your wife." Still, none of the case against Thatcher was circumstantial. One of the key pieces of evidence was the occasion copy of a credit card receipt that police found in the snow near the murder scene on the night of the killing. Signed

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"Thatch," the receipt was for \$29 of gas purchased from the J & M Shell service station near Moose Jaw, Sask., on Jan. 18, three days earlier. At the trial, Allright suggested that the credit slip had been planted by someone in an attempt to frame his client. He also adds that investigator Dunes could find no reference to a \$29 gas purchase at the service station's own daily sales records for Jan. 18.

According to Dunes, the station's copy of the receipt only surfaced on Feb. 14, after a grill-inspected bank at the service station.

"It was lying on an air-ty right after the bank in," says Dunes. "It stinks."

Dunes claims to have uncovered inconsistencies about the purported gasoline purchase. For one thing, the \$29 receipt calculated a purchase of 57.3 litres of gasoline, implying a price of 50.6 cents per litre. But at the time, the station sold gasoline for 38.4 cents per litre. Dunes also questioned gas station attendant Jack Janusz, who had testified at Thatcher's trial that he sold fuel to Thatcher on Jan. 18. The investigator says that he has a taped statement from Janusz, in which he repudiates his testimony and says that he was not even working at the gas station that day—something Janusz's father, George, who owned the station, confirms.

Dunes also says he has signed statements from two men, Danny Doyle and Terry Chubb, that he says contradict evidence presented at the trial by the Crown's star witness, Gary Anderson. A Moose Jaw bill collector and co-accuser, Anderson testified that he had helped to obtain gas silencers and a getaway vehicle for Thatcher. Both Dunes and Allright say that Regina police interviewed the two men—Chubb is Anderson's brother-in-law and Doyle was one of Anderson's friends—before Thatcher's arrest. But neither man was called as a witness and Allright says that he was not told of their statements at the time of the trial. The prosecutor in the case, Serge Kupers, who also helped to prosecute Mulgrew and who is now a Saskatchewan new msp, did not return telephone calls from Markle's best work.

In Ottawa, justice department officials say that Campbell is waiting for her staff to complete their investigation into Allright's explanation before personally reviewing Thatcher's conviction. "It is not the type of thing that you hurry," said Margaret Williams, one of two federal lawyers conducting the investigation. In the meantime, Thatcher says that he is relying on support and frequent visits from his three children—Greg, 27, Regan, 23, and Stephanie, 18. He spends daily by telephone with Greg, who now runs the family's cattle ranch near Moose Jaw. Once a high-flyer with a fondness for yellow Corvettes and Palm Springs, Calif., vacations, Thatcher says that he now dreams of simple pleasures like getting on a horse and riding through the family lands. "I'd be in a great place to lower my business," he says. "My plan would be to go home and work for my own." But even those aspirations must be put on hold until Campbell makes her ruling.

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## Broken dreams

Angry students fault a Newfoundland agency

**T**ired and disappointed after a 24-hour flight from his native Hong Kong, Scott Ben Deng arrived in St. John's in August, 1990, eager to pursue a post-secondary education in Canada. Four months earlier, his parents had responded to a solicitation by Canadian Marketing Specialists Ltd., a privately owned St. John's, Nfld.-based student recruitment agency. They paid the company \$5,600 to send their son to a Newfoundland Grade 12 program, as well as to arrange for a Canadian guardian and a place to live. Deng's parents were among 42 Hong

School Board and Myrtle Volney, executive director of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Trustees' Association. Volney declined to comment but work on his involvement in the venture, while Deng said. Marlon's that he now thinks it might have been a mistake to help the company recruit students. Added McGrath: "I think, in hindsight, we should have been better aware of the implications of going there with the agency. These notions were different from what the agency had actually decided to help the agency in order to foster closer ties between Newfoundland and the Far East.



China a recruitment effort in Southeast Asia involving school officials

Kong and Taiwanese families that paid a total of just \$118,000 to the agency to send their children to school in Newfoundland—an experience that has left many students bitter because, they say, the company failed to live up to its promises. As well, Marlon's has learned that Canadian Marketing provided all-expense-paid trips to the Far East to three local school board officials who supported the company's efforts.

During the two-week recruitment trip to Hong Kong and Taiwan in April, 1990, Canadian Marketing signed up about 70 students. Many of the 42 students who actually came to Canada say that they were attracted to the program in part because of the involvement of the three school board officials—Frank McGrath, assistant superintendent of the St. John's Roman Catholic School Board, Fred Rowe, assistant superintendent of the Avalon Confederated

But others say that it was wrong for public officials to help Canadian Marketing in its recruitment drive. Newfoundland's new Leader Jack Harris told Marlon's: "This is a private company that is selling Canadian services to foreigners and using school board officials to lead it as an act of legitimacy. To allow school board officials to help private companies in such a way is an abdication of responsibility."

Two of the three businessmen who own Canadian Marketing, Robert Whitten and David Bedrock, spoke to Marlon's last week but declined specific comment on the recruitment drive. Whitten, however, said that the company received help from Chinese-Canadian businessmen—although he said that he could not remember their names. "It's like when you go to the United States," said Whitten, whose wife is an elementary school principal with the St. John's Roman Catholic School Board. "When

you've seen one black you've seen them all. That's what it's like with the Chinese." Bedrock, the only company representative to go on the trip, said that the entire episode had "been a nightmare." He declined to elaborate.

In Deng's case, his first disappointment after his family booked him \$2,600 flight to Canada was that no one from the company met him at the airport as expected. "I got here and I didn't know anybody or where I was going to live," recalls Deng. "I phoned a priest, because I'm Roman Catholic myself, and he got some Chinese people who helped me." Deng, who already had a high-school diploma from Hong Kong but planned to complete Grade 12 at St. John's to improve his language skills, discovered soon after his arrival that his English was sufficient to enter university. As a result, he left the high-school program and is now a second-year science student at Memorial University. He adds that his family would never have signed on to the program if not for the endorsement of McGrath, Rowe and Volney. Said Deng: "We all thought they were from the education department."

The efforts of McGrath, Rowe and Volney on behalf of Canadian Marketing clearly surprised the provincial department of education. Assistant deputy minister John Turpin Downey told Marlon's that the trip to Hong Kong and Taiwan was not authorized by the department.

"We were quite surprised when we found out that school board officials and a representative of school trustees had gone," she said.

The prospect that taxpayers would have to absorb the educational costs for as many as 70 foreign students also dismayed government officials. At the time, Newfoundland did not charge non-Canadians a fee to attend elementary or secondary school. But in June, 1991, after learning of the recruitment drive, the province imposed a yearly fee for foreign students of \$3,500—later lowered to \$2,500.

That additional cost is among the Hong Kong and Taiwanese students' grievances. They say that the company and the three public officials who took part in the marketing campaign stressed that secondary education in Newfoundland was free. And some of them say that they were not told of the new levy until after their arrival in August, 1991.

Marlon's Chiu, 20, after a Grade 12 student at Holy Heart of Mary high school in St. John's, is among those who say that they were surprised by the additional charge. After she arrived in Canada, she says, Canadian Marketing told her about the \$2,500 tuition fee and asked her to pay it. When the family refused, the company threatened to cut her off. At the same time, Chiu says that Canadian Marketing failed to live up to its commitment to provide proper English-as-a-second-language instruction. Those classes were cancelled after two months, Chiu says, because the students could not understand the teachers, herself a recent immigrant. For her, and for many of the other Chinese students, that was only one of the disappointments after their arrival in Canada.

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## A legacy of shame

New Brunswick confronts a sex abuse scandal

**P**erched atop a hill 10 km west of Fredericton, the two-story structure overlooks the placid Saint John River. But the pastoral view from the Kingsclever Youth Training Centre is in marked contrast to the human tragedies once concealed within the building's brick and concrete exterior. For more than two decades, Karl Toft, a socialist, twentieth, 330-pound youth counselor at the centre, sexually abused the teenagers brought to his care. Toft, 55, who has pleaded guilty to 34 sex-related charges involving 161 victims, will be sentenced for his brutal crimes on Nov. 30. But the reckoning of his case is unlikely to eradicate the growing stain on the province's correctional and police systems.

The story that has unfolded so far is grim. Not only did Toft personally prey on the young charges at Kingsclever between 1965 and 1989—but he did so despite repeated complaints about his behavior to provincial justice department officials. Thomas Frank McKenna's cabinet is currently deciding whether to lay to public and opposition pressure for an official inquiry into the Toft case. Regardless of the cabinet's decision, the involvement of the past three governments is certain to be held up to public scrutiny.

One of Toft's victims has already filed suit against the province for placing him in the badly counsellor's care as a foster child. And McKenna's has learned that additional civil actions are planned by others who suffered at Toft's hands. Declared David Forbes, a former Kingsclever corrections officer: "Karl Toft didn't just slip through the cracks. The system let him slip through."

Without Forbes's efforts, in fact, Toft might still be stalking the halls of Kingsclever, where he began working in 1963 after a stint in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Forbes, who now works as a high-school guidance counselor in

Indian, N.W.T., says that he was on duty at Kingsclever on the evening of Oct. 9, 1985, when he happened to see Toft talking to a teenage boy and rubbing a key across the boy's genital area—to the boy's obvious distress. Forbes subsequently took written statements from the boy, as well as from two others who said they they had been sexually abused by Toft, and brought them to the attention of a provincial official. However, Forbes told McKenna's last week that when he suggested that the province order a criminal investigation, the official replied, "We couldn't do that to Karl—it would kill him."

Instead, Forbes says, the correctional services department simply transferred Toft to an adult reformatory next door to the youth training centre. Forbes, however, persisted, bringing the allegations against Toft to the Fredericton police, and continued to pursue the case even after he moved to the Northwest Territories in late 1986. Four years later, frustrated that neither the police nor the government had taken any action, he told the story to Richard Robinson, a Fredericton-based CBC radio producer. Robinson did not publicize the allegations surrounding Toft, but his follow-up inquiries sparked an acute investigation into the allegations—as well as prompting the Fredericton police to re-open that case.

Police now say that during their initial investigation in 1988, they could not find enough evidence to lay any charges. But what they discovered while re-opening the case was appalling. Police charged Toft on Sept. 5, 1992, and, on Oct. 5 of this year, he pleaded guilty to burglary, sexual assault and indecent assault. One victim—who was placed in Toft's foster care in 1982 at age 15—says that he was sexually assaulted on average of three times a day for three years. Now 28, the victim—who obtained a police order preventing the publi-

The Kingsclever Centre: a sprawling stain on the province's justice system

cation of his name—filed a suit for unspecified damages last June against Toft and the government of New Brunswick. For its part, the provincial government is in a process of disclosure, assessing that it took "all reasonable measures" to determine whether Toft was a fit foster parent.

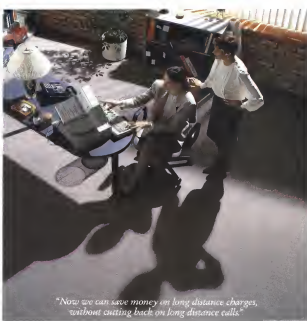
In fact, some of Toft's victims say that they complained about his behavior to school officials as early as 1963. And a former superintendent at Kingsclever, William Keyes, says that he wanted to fire Toft in 1971 after learning that the counselor had his position as an adult supervisor of a Fredericton Boy Scouts troop, after being accused of sexual misconduct involving troop members.

Keyes, who now lives in California, told *The New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal* that he discussed the matter with several justice department officials, including the minister at the time as the Conservative government of former premier Richard Hatfield. Declared Keyes: "The feeling I got was that I didn't have enough information to give these fellows to do anything about it."

The controversy is already starting to take a toll on political reputations. The new in New Brunswick says that the McKenna government, although it took power in 1987, after Toft was transferred from the training centre, may find itself tarnished by the Toft scandal. Declared Nov Leader Elizabeth Woot: "The government has known about these allegations against prominent bureaucrats for a long time and has chosen to do nothing about it."

Woot, like many other New Brunswickers, says that the government has no choice but to order a public inquiry into the Toft case. Adds Forbes: "When I look at what has happened, I really think some people should be taken out and thrown in a river!" At the very least, the swirling question of whether senior government officials knew about Toft's crimes—and exactly those to whom they—guarantee that the horrors of Kingsclever will not soon be forgotten.

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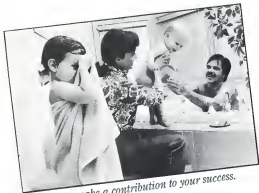
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## Looking for some respect

### Senators want to modernize the upper chamber

For the past two years, Nathan Margit has lived in uncertainty. Like the rest of his colleagues in Parliament's upper chamber, the 58-year-old Manitoba senator watched as Canadians lapped over replacing the appointed Senate with an elected, equal and more effective chamber. Those negotiations eventually became part of the Charlottetown accord, which would have created an elected Senate with six members from each province—and left Margit with out a job. "It was never *his* going out to a party," he recalled proudly. "Everyone wanted to know what kind of work I was out of." But on the evening of Oct. 26, as the results of the constitutional referendum trickled in, it quickly became obvious that Margit's \$64,400-a-year position as well as his travel allowance and an additional \$10,100 in expenses, were secure. Still, even he acknowledges that the No vote did not represent an enthusiastic endorsement of the appointed Senate. Says Margit, a lawyer and former Conservative party president: "People want change. I am not as foolish as to think that they voted for the status quo."

Most of Margit's fellow senators appear to share that view. Since its creation in 1867, the upper chamber has functioned largely as a rubber stamp for the House of Commons. But an increasing number of senators—perhaps shaken by the widespread public disaffection with the political process—now say that it is time for the Senate to begin acting as the chamber of "order second thought" that it was originally designed to be.

Just another Manitoba senator, Conservative James Johnson, "now that the constitution is going to be there, we have to deal with it. It is part of our government." Added Johnson, 46: "There is lots of room for reform without having to have a constitutional amendment."

Johnson's peers offer a wide array of suggestions for change—many of them in the spirit of the Charlottetown accord. For one thing, many senators say that they plan to show less reticence to the political parties that appointed them and more commitment to the requests they are supposed to represent. "We do not intend to spend the last few years of our lives being poked over the coals," says Nova Scotia Senator Finlay MacDonald, 68, who was appointed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1984. MacDonald added that he wants to be able to back back on



Johnson: "I want the reform without a constitutional amendment."

his peers in the Senate and know that he has served his country well. Said the senator: "I just want to be deserving of the appointment." Conservative Senator E. W. (Shed) Benson, a former Regina strategist who is only a year away from the upper chamber's mandatory retirement age of 75, appeared particularly zealous of the strictures of party loyalty. He supported the Charlottetown accord, he said, because, "We were going to get rid of party discipline and move toward a round-table system, one with legitimate representation." In the absence of such reforms, Benson suggests that senators should cease attending party caucus meetings when the Senate reconvenes. "We are going to develop some regionalism, some independence," he adds. "The government would get its money bills through but we, on the other hand, are going to control

them legislation in such a way that we are not under the thumb of our party."

To some extent, the Senate's future will be determined by how senators will be chosen to fill existing vacancies. In 1990, the Senate was temporarily enlarged from its normal 104 seats when Mulroney made a little-known promise to appoint eight extra members, giving the Tories a majority, with which to pass legislation implementing the Goods and Services Tax. But after a string of rejections, resignations and deaths, the upper chamber now has only 95 members—50 Conservatives, 41 Liberals and five independents.

The Conservative Leader in the Senate, Lowell Murray, insists that Mulroney should return to his traditional practice of appointing members to serve until retirement. But others, including Ontario Conservative Senator Cosentino Di Nino, 54, say that they would like to see full-fledged reform of the upper chamber, with senators limited to short, fixed terms. For his part, Liberal Senate Leader Royce Frith says that new senators—in the spirit of the Charlottetown accord—should be elected. Over time, he says, an appointed senator retired, the chamber would become an elected body. Said Frith: "It would be nearly Canadian—Canadian like progress, but this like it to be gradual. You do not jump right into the deep end of the pool."

Some senators also wonder whether prominent Canadians would now accept a Senate appointment. Said Di Nino: "The cream of the crop should sit in the red chamber."

But Frith said a lot of them would say "no today." But changing the Senate may be far easier and thus done. Quebec Senator Thérèse Lavoie, a former Quebec health minister, is known to some colleagues as "the Green Rapper" because of her insistence that senators must reduce their spending. Declares Lavoie-Rousse: "I firmly believe that I am not entitled to spend taxpayers' money unless it directly benefits them." But many others have chafed at her proposed reforms. Said Lavoie-Rousse: "The senators who have been there the longest have acquired rights—or, at least, acquired habits." While many of these same senators now say they are in favor of reform, the political habits of the past 125 years may be harder to break than many of them presume.

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## WASHINGTON'S SOCIAL SET WARMS TO THE INVASION OF BILL CLINTON'S ARKANSAS MAFIA

In the salons of Washington's posh Georgetown neighborhood, established socialites such as Pamela Harriman and Sally Quinn are mastering a new vocabulary: "Arkiesque," the jargon of Arkansas's power elite. In Arkansas, the definition of President George Bush has left the Republican party "on dead to sleep." Anticlimax might be expressed by: "My eyes popped out like a strangled-toed frog"—perhaps at the oversubscribing numbers of Democrats seeking "hard seats on the ground" (don't join in the new administration). But Arkiesque is only one sign that a new style has arrived in Washington. Suddenly, the University of Arkansas Razorbacks football team is "in," as are barbeques and informal discussions about the President's weekend exploits. As Harriman prepared to host a party for Bill Clinton on the Arkansas governor's first trip to Washington since winning the presidential election, she told *Maximize* that the new style is "very witty, upbeat and forward-looking."

In a city where the social style is set by the president and his White House court, decoding the manners of the incoming Arkansas has become an obsession since Clinton's Nov. 3 victory. So far, most Americans have focused on how easily Clinton evokes the down-home manner of his rural Arkansas roots. But few Washingtonians really expect the "48-something" Clintons to recreate the sense of camaraderie that the city's smart set accorded Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter of impering in 1976. Clinton, they contend, will be at ease in the capital, whether he is retaining a black tie and dining with Harriman, widow of East Coast linkman Averell Harriman and the godmother of the Democratic party, or walking the village, drug-filled alleys of inner Washington. Last week, the president-elect did both. The combination of Ozark folkiness and Ivy League sophistication has "circled" the cap-



Clinton meeting Bush evoking the down-home manner of his rural roots

ital, according to Quinn, an author and wife of former Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee. Clinton's arrival, she said, represents "new people, new ideas, a new vision and new ideas." The president-elect tried to put that charm on display last week when he sat for 90 minutes in the White House Oval Office with President George Bush. "They had a real cordial conversation," said Clinton spokesman Dee Dee Myers, whose own laid-back conver-

sational style betrays her Californian roots. But the mood in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, where the Republican and Democratic transition teams met to discuss the 4,800 potential jobs that will change hands, was not as openly friendly. "This has been a painful time," said Andrew Calver, Bush's transition chief. "It is a hostile takeover." But the transition had hopes for the Democrats as well. The presence of two conservative Washington insiders at the head of the

transition team punched holes in Clinton's carefully cultivated image as a do-gooder in the corridors of power. The key target of controversy was Vernon Jordan, the well-connected Washington-based lawyer who leads Clinton's transition organization. Jordan's numerous corporate endorsements, particularly his seat on the board of Tel. Nation Holding Corp., a major telephone and food company, was attacked by critics who pointed out that he would be involved in selecting con-

ditional coach last week. After meeting with Bush, he set off in his well-known style—through a predominantly black Washington neighborhood. Under the watchful eye of sharpshooters and within a perimeter screened by metal detectors, Clinton stopped by hair salons, liquor stores and other small businesses, mostly with women and minorities, that ways to revitalize inner cities. The exercise clearly surprised some onlookers. "For the last 12 years we've been looking at..." said John Hughes, president of a small business association in a city where the murder rate is the highest in the country, as he watched Clinton go by. "Here is a man who loved the American dream, who's come up from the grassroots and poverty, who can set an example."

That is a message that Clinton himself has stressed ever since the Democratic convention in July, when television producers—and Clinton friends from Arkansas—Harry Thompson and Linda Broadwater-Thompson, captured his boyfriend's eyes in a 20-second biographical film. It was praised for humanizing Clinton's sometimes technocratic image. The Clintons have a strong connection to many Hollywood personalities and they clearly understand that style can be as important as policy in delivering a message.

The Clintons have already had the Broadwater-Thompsons to plan the estimated \$20-million inaugural, which will feature 18 separate balls and a host of performances from such stars as Barbra Streisand and Jose Pardo. As producers of the successful network sitcom, *Evening Shade* (set in Arkansas and filmed about Clinton in Washington)—the husband-and-wife team is well suited to bring a mixture of both worlds to the gala.

Through their television shows, the Broadwater-Thompsons have been widely credited with altering the nation's perception of their home state as a backwater of illiterates and ignorance—an image that upsets many members of the Arkansas statewide Arkansas state and Clinton campaign director Bruce Landry showed that sensitivity in response to a question about the potential for style. "The 'not Dugganish,'" he suggested to *Maximize*. "It's a very informal style, he enjoys informal events."

But clearly Washington's elite is expecting the Clinton administration to emerge the

## World Notes

### A MINIMAL EMPARGO

The United Nations Society Council tightened restrictions on Serbia and Montenegro by imposing a ban on all foreign ships along the Adriatic coast and the Danube River. The embargo calls on all states to stop ships approaching what is left of Yugoslavia to inspect and verify their cargoes and destinations. The United States has accused several foreign governments of sending oil to Serbia in contravention of UN sanctions imposed last May.

### SHUTTLE ARRESTED

Police arrested Pakistan opposition leader Senator Shaukat for trying to lead a protest march on the capital, Islamabad. The government later said Shaukat was arrested while in Karachi and banned from the capital for 30 days. Shaukat, who was dismissed as prime minister in August, 1990, has alleged corruption, nepotism and abuse of power. After that the Islamic government of Pakistan Minister Nawaz Sharif came to power through a rigged election in October, 1990.

### A STEP INTO THE PAST

Promoting a slower pace of economic reform and closer ties to Russia, Lithuania's Democratic Labor party won a working majority in parliamentary elections. The party, made up largely of ex-Communists, won at least 50 of parliament's 141 seats, defeating Sąjūdis (Independence), the party that overthrew Lithuania's independence from Moscow in 1990. Its main opposition role. Analysts said that voters were angry with high inflation and had all short-gaps after the Sąjūdis government.

### SOUTH AFRICAN SHAKESUP

South Africa President F. W. (Fredrick) de Klerk removed his military-intelligence chief, Lt. Gen. Rudolph Bhebe, after a 1990 inquiry implicated the army in a dirty-tricks campaign against the African National Congress. De Klerk assigned Lt. Gen. Pierre Steyn to take military intelligence. He also removed all of his covert operations. The inquiry accused the military of trying to discredit the ANC by using prostitutes and drug dealers to lure its members into criminal activities.

### ARMOS, AMISOS

Signaling the end of three decades of close military alliances between Cuba and the former Soviet Union, RTG Russian soldiers and advisers withdrew from the Caribbean island. The end of the 1,500-member Soviet automated military brigade is scheduled to leave by mid-1993.

dates for cabinet posts such as health and human services.

Critics also noted that the other senior transition team member, Marjorie Chalmers, is a former in 500-member Los Angeles law firm, O'Melroy & Myers, which owns powerful entertainment and newspaper industries among its clients. In response, Clinton announced an ethics code that prohibits members of the team from lobbying any government agency that they deal with during the 76-day transition.

But Clinton was determined to signal his



caption: The fact that he will likely bring hundreds of young Democrats who reflect his beliefs to an important public policy site government, has convinced a score of impending change in Washington. Social life under the generally middle-aged Republicans was centered at the surrounding Virginia and Maryland suburbs, but the capital's social set is now turning for a more urban—well, urban—environment that will focus on the bookstores and the trendy

restaurants of Adams Morgan and Georgetown, as well as other to-be neighborhood. Republicans are already displaying pessimistic policy issues such as David Thomson's and Ted Gasser's *Re-inventing Government*, and secretary under the White House, which reflect Clinton's reading tastes. And one coveted dinner party guests, such as Black budget director Richard Darman, will find themselves displaced by young newcomers such as Clinton commens-

ation director George Stephanopoulos and media adviser Mandy Grunwald, both 31.

With the *Realities* debut, publishers of the popular *The Washington Quarterly*, which chronicled the struggle of Vice-president Dan Quayle, have announced plans to close the magazine (but desktop publisher Patrick Marafioti plans to fill that void with a *Millery Clinton Quarterly*—with a much more serious treatment of its subject. As a professional

working writer, Hillary Clinton, too, is likely to make a distinct impact in Washington. "Anyone who thought Hillary Clinton would go to Washington and serve tea and cookies hasn't been paying attention," said Marafioti, as he changed buttons reading "Hillary Clinton 2000" to give to subscribers, adding hopefully, "Hillary Clinton is getting ready to run for president."

Clinton's desire to temper presidential formality with the common touch, along with the presence of outsiders as a team presenting itself as outsiders, was clearly a characteristic for a politician who already has a reputation for sometimes trying too hard to satisfy too many interests. Still, his toughest criticism last week came from within his own home state, over his decision not to violate the state's governor's mansion in Little Rock until the new year. Arkansasians have no experience for their peers who have become urban sophisticates, they call it "leading off to Memphis." Social Washington is eagerly waiting to see which Bill Clinton is coming to live in their town.

#### RELAYS BACKGROUNDS in Washington

**LEGAL SERVICES CORP.**  
During the Clinton administration, Hillary will be on the board of directors of the legal services corporation which provides legal services to poor Americans. Another board member of the first was Mickey Kantor, now a Los Angeles lawyer and an influential California Democrat who chaired Clinton's presidential campaign.

#### CHILDREN'S DEFENCE FUND

Hillary joined the organization for children's rights in 1977. Steven Wright Gubman, its founder and president, is a Clinton adviser and leading candidate to become secretary of health and human services.



## THE CLINTON NETWORK

Bill and Hillary Clinton have cultivated an image as outsiders coming to Washington from the tiny, remote state of Arkansas. But throughout their careers, both have forged an impressive nationwide array of political contacts, many of whom are under consideration for posts in the Clinton administration.

#### REL CLINTON

##### GEORGETOWN U.

In Washington, Clinton earned his degree in foreign policy in 1960. Then he worked for African Affairs Liaison, who traveled with Clinton as his campaign director in his year's presidential race.

##### PULBRIGHT STAFF

His first exposure to political Washington came in 1961, working just below on the staff of Senator William Fulbright, then head of the Senate foreign relations committee.

##### OXFORD U.

The president-elect has a wide circle of associates who were friends of Hillary Clinton's parents from 1949 to 1970. They include various Democratic allies: Shobbe Talbot, not in the Register, a Florida Island business, not whether she will advise Clinton on long-term budget cuts.

##### YALE LAW SCHOOL

Bill and Hillary met at Yale in 1970. Among their classmates was Robert Reich, the fiscal economist who now teaches public policy at Harvard, and who is the senior economic adviser to the president-elect.



##### MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN

In 1972, Bill and Hillary worked for President George McGovern. Other names of that campaign include: Bruce Wright, who became his chief of staff in Arkansas governor, and Bill Segal, now the chief financial officer of the President's office.

##### WATERGATE STAFF

Hillary first worked on Gerald R. Ford's 1974 campaign as a junior aide to the House Judiciary committee who helped group in the impeachment trial against Sen. President Richard Nixon.

##### NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION

Clinton joined the club in 1971 when he was first elected at age 37 in Arkansas. Through the association, Clinton entered his network across the nation. One member who became a political confidant was South Carolina's Richard Riley, who is now overseeing the hiring of senior bureaucrats for the new administration.

##### DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Formed in 1976 and dominated by moderate Democrats, the group has long been the Democratic party's only club in its own right. Clinton joined in 1976 and served as its vice-president. Clinton hoped a political alliance with President Brown, the party chairman and his steps in to the black community.



##### RENAISSANCE GROUP

Bill Clinton began attending the informal annual gathering of politicians and professors in Miller Hall, D.C. in 1984. Other participants included former Senator George Mitchell, Ralph and Colorado Senator Bill Bradley, both having previously been unsuccessful presidential candidates.



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Police recovering evidence from Spiro home; Gail and Ian Spiro (below) originate

#### THE UNITED STATES

## Murder at the rancho

*Mysterious killings baffle California police*

At 7:25 a.m. on Nov. 8, Mexican maid Paula Robas arrived at the California home of her employers, Ian and Gail Spiro. As Robas later told police, a disheveled-looking Ian Spiro, wearing a bathrobe, greeted her at the door of the house, at San Diego's exclusive Rancho Santa Fe suburb. Spiro, she said, told her that there would be no work for her that day and that "my wife and children are not at home." Then, Spiro got dressed and drove Robas home. At one point, she recalled, Spiro told her: "I am sorry. I have got problems." Three days later, police found the dead bodies of Gail Spiro, 46, and her children, Sara, 16, Adam, 14, and Deana, 11, each in bed with a bullet in the head. After a three-day police standoff, Spiro's at the California desert outside San Diego (near) Ian Spiro, 46, clung over the steering wheel of his 1982 Ford Explorer. An autopsy revealed that he had died of cyanide poisoning. Autopsies of his family showed that they were already dead when Robas arrived at the house and spoke with Spiro.

San Diego County police say that Spiro is their prime suspect in the killings. They say that he probably strangled his family on the night of Nov. 1, then waited until they went to bed before moving from bedchambers to bedrooms, firing a revolver into the head of each of them. He almost certainly used a silencer, because neighbors heard no shots. But homicide investigator Lucat, John Trevisan said that police are treating Spiro's own death as a murder. In the contents of not missing anything. Indeed, independent investigators by reporters have uncovered some disturbing facts about Spiro, an expatriate British commodities broker who, friends say, was a living hell and killer.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Spiro was an arms dealer and a middleman in hostage negotiations in the

Middle East, where he may have made some dangerous enemies. And last year, Spiro reportedly defrauded Iranian business associates before leaving London for France and, eventually, moving to California. As a result, investigators are not discounting widespread speculation that Spiro, not perhaps his entire family, were the victims of revenge killings by shadowy Middle Eastern associates.

In his recently published book, *Mistake*, British author Cornelius Coughlin alleges that Spiro worked for both British and U.S. intelligence agencies for nearly 10 years in the Middle East. According to Coughlin, Lt.-Col. Oliver North introduced Spiro to British Terry White in the summer of 1982, at the shelter of the Anglican Church clergy's mission to free Western hostages in Lebanon. Coughlin contends that Spiro used his contacts with Lebanese Shiite Muslims to help White arrange meetings with Iranian-backed Islamic jihad leaders.

Last week, White refused to confirm the reports. But extracts from North's diaries, obtained under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, show that the National Security Council aide met Spiro and Lebanese arms dealer Messer Davidson in November, 1983, in Washington to discuss the hostage crisis. Coughlin maintains that Spiro worked for the CIA throughout White's mission, but severed ties with the American spy agency in 1986 after the exposure of the Iran-contra scandal. The secret U.S. plan to sell arms to Iran in exchange for hostages and use the profits to fund right-wing Nicaraguan rebels.

According to Ken Querton, Gail Spiro's brother-in-law, Ian Spiro appeared nervous and agitated in the weeks leading up to his death. Spiro, a Jew who had converted to a Greek in the Middle East, complained that his role in White's hostage efforts had "come back to haunt him," said Querton. Indeed, in late October, Spiro called Coughlin in London to ask about the author's new book. Said Coughlin: "I had been trying to find him for three years to interview him about his involvement with Terry White and the hostages, then he phoned out of the blue." Added Coughlin: "I outlined what I had read about him in my book and offered to send him a copy. He said as he could get his own. He said he could be in London soon and suggested we meet. Then he rang off without saying where I could reach him."

Referring to Coughlin's exposure of Spiro as a spy, Querton said: "He wouldn't be surprised that because of that book someone sought retribution, and has tried to take out all his sins, which is a Middle Eastern style of doing things."

But British and U.S. intelli-

gence sources in Washington told *Newsweek* that all indications point to a murder-suicide. Said a British official of Spiro's role in hostage negotiations: "He did have some useful contacts who could arrange meetings with those connected to the hostage holders in Lebanon. But he was by no means a central player." Added an American official: "If he was involved at all, it was on the fringe. I am not saying that it happened in this case, but there are people who as a result of special and unique circumstances become involved in something that they see as exciting and glamorous. And when it is all over, and they realize that nothing like it will happen again for them, they become depressed."

After an investigation, *The Observer*, the respected London Sunday newspaper, said that it was convinced, rather than espionage activities that led Spiro to fear for his life. The newspaper reported that Spiro was on the run from Iranians that he had cheated out of millions of dollars. According to the paper, Spiro grossly overcharged the Tehran government last year in brokering a deal for British medical equipment, and that he refused to return the money when the Iranians discovered the overpayment. And when Spiro fled from London last year, he apparently owed vast sums of money to an Iranian business partner as an illegal scheme to export sports cars.

The Spiro family maintained an expensive—and expensive—lifestyle. In April, the family moved into a four-bedroom house in Rancho Santa Fe, paying for the \$5,500 a month. Ian and Gail Spiro hosted numerous pool parties at their home and joined a country club, where they played tennis and bridge. The children attended private schools and one daughter took riding lessons. From his office in the spacious house, Spiro ran up thousands of dollars' worth of phone bills each month.

But several of Spiro's acquaintances pointed to evidence of serious financial problems. His boat in the south of France and a London flat had both been repossessed. Said a British friend of Spiro: "There was also talk that he was mortgaging his farm and property in France." Indeed, in London, a family friend in California and wife of Ian Zerbini, Spiro's sometime business associate, described the Briton as "a very secretive person" who "didn't tell his family a lot about his work." Added Zerbini: "He had some problems last summer. He was struggling financially."

Last week, Querton accompanied the bodies of the Spiro family to England. A funeral was scheduled for late this week in Bost, a tiny village in the Lake District where Gail Spiro grew up. Querton said that he remains convinced of his brother-in-law's innocence. Said Querton: "I don't think the last story with the wine-suit, but I can tell you that nobody in this family will ever believe that he killed Gail and the children." In death as in life, Ian Spiro remains an enigma.

ANDREW BILAKI with GAV MATTHEW in London and WILLIAM LOFTHILL in Washington



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EGYPT

# The dangers within

Cairo cracks down on Islamic extremists

Sheik Muhammad Abdel-Gayoud, clad in the long white gown Egyptians call a galabeya, stands in a darkened alleyway in the Cairo slum of Imbaba. Every few minutes, he is approached by persons who bow and slip him pieces of paper containing requests for food or money before backing away, offering profuse thanks. Abdel-Gayoud is a leader of the outlawed Islamic Society, an anti-government fundamentalist group campaigning to spread Islamic law throughout Egypt. "If the people have no food, they come to us," says Abdel-Gayoud, a 38-year-old engineer. "If they need a job or apartment, we try to help." A few yards from where he stands, several hundred men have assembled for the Society's weekly prayer meeting in the glow of candles and gas lanterns. The adherents cut the electricity every Tuesday night to discourage the illegal gathering, but the tactic has not worked.

Muslims praying in Cairo: arsonists



Shutting off the lights is one of the mildest measures that President Hosni Mubarak's largely secular government is taking against the growing popularity of radical organizations.

Those groups have vowed to overthrow Mubarak's government and replace it with an Islamic-style Islamic state. They have geared on tourists in southern Egypt, where they killed a British nurse and wounded seven other foreigners in the past month, and have threatened to destroy pharaonic monuments, such as the pyramids and great Sphinx at Giza that have long been icons from around the world. Egyptian Interior Minister Abdel-Halim Moussa has promised tougher security, and banned fire, Sufism and Afghanistan for financing terrorism. He has also detained hundreds of alleged terrorists who, if convicted, face the death penalty. Tahrir Radio fired back last week, accusing Egypt of planning war against Iraq. Renowned Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister Youssef Maki. "We will not let Iraq export revolution to our country."

But the arsonists may have already begun. The Islamic Society is openly trying to prove that it is better able to care for the needs of poor

across Egypt's 56 million people. After an Oct. 12 earthquake heavily damaged parts of Cairo, Islamic groups set up tents and soup kitchens. Islamic Society activists claimed that the government responded slowly to the needs of the homeless and pocketed emergency assistance from abroad. "The mosque is the only place we can turn to for help," said one demonstrator at an anti-government protest in Cairo a week after the quake. "Everyone else is corrupt."

To counter fundamentalism's broad appeal, the government is playing by some of the society's rules. The state-owned television network has expanded religious broadcasting. State censors are reviewing the publication of books that they consider to be offensive to Islam, and parliament recently enacted proposed legislation for its compatibility with Islamic law. Yet many secular Egyptians say that the only way to deal with the religious threat is to allow it to take its natural course. Declared Judge Sayed al-Ahmed, a prominent jurist whose opposition to fundamentalism has earned him countless death threats: "The extremist movement has no program, nothing to offer. If it comes to power, it will fail, sooner or later." Moderates in the Egyptian parliament overrode opposition until Feb. 1, 1978, when the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini flew from Iran to Tehran to launch a revolution that has profoundly changed life and politics throughout the Middle East.

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# A CURRENCY FREE-FALL

**S**aving interest rates are rarely a reason for hope. But in Hope, B.C., last week, broker Lynne Leach said that she was expecting the sudden rise in rates to turn into quick sales for her. In fact, Leach was planning to spend her weekend at the office because she anticipated a rush of buyers eager to take advantage of pre-approved mortgages at lower rates. She says that the latest rate increase will probably have the same effect on borrowers as the sudden pre-announced increase in September. At that time, the ReMax office at the community, located at the foot of mountains on the edge of the Fraser River, was "absolutely" busy. "Imagine a real estate office looking like a doctor's waiting room," said Leach. "People were lining up around here. People who were standing about, buying, jumping in and picked out a house." She added that local banks were so swamped with mortgage applications that it took two weeks, instead of two or three days, to process them. And within days, Leach's office had sold its entire inventory of low-to-mid-range properties. Despite the short-term wealth for realtors, however, sellers are the only people who will truly benefit from the latest surge in interest rates.

Given the real estate buying spree will end quickly as the cost of higher interest rates through the system, "It cannot be positive for

## PRESSURE ON THE CANADIAN DOLLAR FORCES INTEREST RATES UP AND STALLS ECONOMIC RECOVERY

anybody," said Tim O'Neill, president of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council in Halifax. "The recovery will go on hold for as long as interest rates stay high." Economists say that the Bank of Canada was forced to raise rates to prevent the Canadian dollar from falling too far, too fast. Despite the big rate hike, however, the dollar continued to fall, dropping 0.71 of a cent on Friday alone, ending the week at 77.91 cents (U.S.). The dollar's ongoing slide increases the likelihood that interest rates will have to rise even more. The dollar has been pushed down by a long list of negative factors. That list ranges from concerns about the federal government's deficit increasing by perhaps as much as \$5 billion more than the actual

figure—to opinion about president-elect Bill Clinton, which is attracting international investors to U.S. markets.

To stabilize the dollar, the Bank of Canada increased domestic prime rates by 1.8 percent, a point last week to 9 per cent from 7.5 per cent. As a result, some economists are now beginning to worry about economic growth forecasts for 1993 downward. Said Peter Craft, an economist at the investment firm of Bence Fry Ltd. in Toronto: "If it weren't for the dollar's problems, it would be absolutely hellacious for rates to rise at a time when the economy is so weak and consumer confidence is shoddy."

In Ottawa, where the House of Commons

was back in session for the first time since Sept. 17, opposition MPs took Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Finance Minister Donald Mazankowski to task because of the country's depressed economic condition. Mazankowski, who confirmed that the deficit for the 1991-1992 fiscal year will be \$34.4 billion—\$4.5 billion higher than he forecast in February and \$7 billion higher than his forecast for the current year—said that he is preparing an economic statement for Dec. 2. And speaking to a group of Tory supporters at a party held earlier in Ottawa last week, Mulroney criticized his government's freeport economic strategy. He also stated that Ottawa's priority of reducing the deficit would not change. "I can tell you that there will be no increase in taxes and no lowering of our resolve to reduce the deficit as a result of any one of these initiatives," he said.

Many critics, however, said that Mulroney's words ring hollow compared with the rhetoric that surrounded the presentation of the last federal budget, in February. At that time, Mazankowski had his hopes for a recovery on an improvement in the U.S. economy and its efforts in domestic consumer confidence. "Our economy is poised for a sustained recovery on its own fundamental merits," he said in his budget speech. "A recovery that draws on the strength of a dramatic improvement in interest rates, inflation and production costs." Although interest rates did fall from March onto September, that decline ended in pre-

ferential rates and rates are now higher than they were at the beginning of the year. So far, controlling inflation is one of the government's few economic successes. In October, the consumer price index was running at a modest annual rate of 1.6 per cent, up slightly from September's rate of 1.3 per cent, because of an average 8.4-per-cent increase in property taxes across the country. But the benefits of low inflation have clearly not reversed the economy as quickly as Mazankowski had predicted.

The economic pressures facing the Conservative government, expected to call an election in the spring, are underscored by President George Bush's defeat in an election campaign dominated by economic issues. However, Mulroney's Conservatives appear to have few new proposals for reviving the economy. The Prime Minister's economic strategy relies almost exclusively on previously announced plans, including the ratification of a North American Free Trade Agreement, the conclusion of a new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and a reduction in government bureaucracy. It also includes a \$200-million increase in job-training programs for the unemployed and investment in transportation systems and communications. In addition, Treasury Board president Gilles Lusselle announced that the government plans to cut its operating budget by \$470 million, or two per cent, before March 31. More than a third of the cuts will come from the defense department, with additional cuts



Realtor Leach (right) in Hope, B.C.; buyers rush to lock in at lower rates

## Business Notes

### A TRANSATLANTIC TRUCE

U.S. and European Community officials meeting in Brussels resolved the controversial-subsidy issue that had threatened to wreck efforts to reach a new transatlantic trade agreement and prevent a trade war. Both sides agreed to reduce their subsidies, but representatives declined to provide details.

### A NATIONAL DREAM DEBATED

CR Rail, a division of Montreal-based Canadian Pacific Ltd., asked the National Transportation Agency for permission to close all its freight operations east of Sherbrooke, Que. The action would eliminate 320 jobs and shut down 700 km of track, but CR Rail said that it has lost \$52 million over the past three years in the Maritimes. Local business owners and politicians vowed to fight the closure, saying that it would cripple them. The federal agency has 60 days to make a decision. If it approves CR's request, it would be the first time since the Canadian Pacific was completed in the late 1800s that the company would not serve the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

### OATY SHAKES DOWN

Ontario & York Development Ltd. of Toronto, which owes its creditors \$9.4 billion, succeeded to stave off receivers and radically revised its debt restructuring proposal. The new plan, apparently based on a two-page summary by Paul Rotherham, will allow creditors to take control of certain real estate and corporate holdings—rather than liquidating the five-year delay committed in previous settlement offers—that OATY pledged as collateral for loans.

### THE PRICE OF PROTECTION

Federal health department officials estimated that Canadians will pay \$550 million more in drug costs over the next eight years if the Mulroney government's controversial proposal to increase patent protection for pharmaceutical manufacturers becomes a reality. The officials released the estimate the day after a report in *The New York Times* predicted that the extra cost could be as much as \$200 million a year.

### DEBTLESS SIGNALS

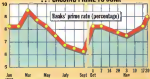
Superintendent of Financial Institutions Michael Macleod, Ottawa's senior bank-and-trust-company regulator, announced concern that many of those institutions still have too many loans tied up in weak real estate markets. Macleod said: "Those markets are terrible. They are a real pain in the neck and they are not getting better."

## A ROLLER-COASTER RIDE

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from the RMI and the prison system.

Although the transportation does not the economic shopping list is a relatively recent addition, Milbray has not elaborated on how he will implement it. So far, he points that the federal government will not borrow its half of the \$14-billion cost of the proposed road and infrastructure rebuilding. But the program has been stalled because Ontario is arguing that its contributions to the federal costs warrant a larger share of the budget than Ottawa has proposed. As well, any massive borrowing that the federal government does undertake would probably put even more upward pressure on interest rates. In turn, higher interest

quarter of a point to 9.25 per cent.

Fifti profits already appeared at many levels this year because of the need to set aside assets resources against their losses in the depressed commercial and service sectors. The banks were forced to move quickly last week to pass higher rates along to their customers. Through these increases, they ensured that the rate at which they lend money did not fall below the rates at which they borrow it. But, said Lloyd Atkinson, chief economist at the Bank of Montreal, "Higher interest rates are the last thing this economy—and our customers—need right now."

Meanwhile, the dollar's wobbly performance

of Clinton, and the economic policy changes that his administration is expected to bring, have triggered considerable international optimism. Clinton's victory, combined with hopeful economic signs in the United States, is causing foreign investors to opt for the United States over Canada.

Economists are divided over their expectations for the future, although most say that if the currency does not stabilize soon, allowing interest rates to come down, the higher rates will impede growth in the United States, leaving it high, "said Atkinson. "In another month or two, if they are still up, I'm going to be marking down my forecasts." He noted that the economy is so weak that there is no reason why interest rates need to stay high.

Some other economists say that the decline in the dollar, which will help exporters, provides enough extra economic stimulus to compensate for the rise in rates. The dollar has fallen by seven cents since January, and two cents since the beginning of November. The jump in rates had slowed the dollar's descent, but observers say that it is still vulnerable. "The lower dollar is a boost to the economy," said Mark Chandler, assistant chief economist with the Royal Bank of Canada. Chandler says that a two- or three-cent decline in the value of the dollar is equal to a one-percentage-point fall in interest rates. "And one of the reasons the Canadian dollar is weak is because the U.S. dollar is strong," he added. "That's good for us because it means the U.S. economy is recovering."

Most experts say that if the currency stabilizes near its current level, the Bank of Canada will begin to start to ratchet down interest rates. Said Atkinson, "There are fundamental economic reasons why interest rates are high" but others say that the new president should Canada will prevent rates from falling back to their September lows. Said Chandler, "I do not think you will see them as low as they were before the referendum."

That is bad news for an economy that was just beginning to show signs of life. Pierre Murray, a real estate agent with Family Trust Corp. in Downsview, Toronto, says that the past three or four months—when interest rates fell to their lowest level in 30 years—were his best in three years. But the pump rates will cut that. "People are in scared in so many ways about their jobs, about the government," he said. "Higher mortgage rates are just one more thing to frighten them." He says that he has several buyers who are actually looking for homes. But, unlike his fellow realtor, Lynn Leach, in Hove, Murray is not dwelling on a buying market, which this week—or anytime in the foreseeable future.

DRYDEN DALGLISH with GLEN ALLEN in Ottawa



Mezarkowski (left) and Mulroney: trying to restore faith in Canada's economy

rates will tug the economy backwards towards a very depressing recession.

Currently, the prime rate is almost three percentage points higher than it was two months ago, before the Canadian dollar took a nosedive in the anxiety-ridden weeks preceding the constitutional referendum. Banks have been slow to raise their prime as most would become higher rates increase their customers' costs and hence, the possibility that they will default on their bank loans. At the same time, the central bank's policy of raising rates to attract new short-term dollar investments as offset part a short-term solution. The so-called hot money speculative short-term currency investment that high rates drive leave when-wherever the opportunity for higher rates or lower risk investments arises elsewhere. But last week, the Bank of Canada was forced to do it twice—as Monday and again on Thursday—to keep up with the rise in interest rates required to buoy the falling dollar. Mortgage rates quickly followed a one-percentage-point increase (which by one percentage point to 8.5 per cent, while a five-year mortgage rate by one-

was worsened by a combination of negative influences. They include:

- Growing government deficits, the need to borrow money to finance them and the possibility that, as a consequence, some federal and provincial governments may have their credit ratings downgraded again.
- Political uncertainties about upcoming elections, both nationally and in Quebec.
- Weak commodity prices, which affect the profitability of Canada's resource-based economy.
- Problems at some key corporate enterprises including the Newfoundland family's Olympic & Tank Development Ltd. and the Broadview Ridge group.
- A weaker economic outlook than for the United States.

According to Toronto economist Craft, the attention focused on Canada during the referendum debate hurt the country by highlighting its balanced economic situation. "The referendum gave people a reason to look carefully at Canada," she said. "On reflection, they didn't like what they saw." At the same time, the election

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## Flights into court

The struggle to save an airline nears a climax

**T**he battle is for supremacy in the air. And last week, the country's two major airlines intensified their skirmishes—in the streets and in the courts. The objective is to influence the federal cabinet's decision on whether to extend financial aid to troubled Canadian Airlines with a \$40-million loan guarantee and \$100 million to bridge financing. That support would enable the Calgary-based carrier to conclude an investment deal with its employees and with Firth, Wirth, Tex-based American Airlines Inc. Many employees of Montreal-based Air Canada, however, are hotly opposed, claiming that the government would, in effect, be subsidizing American's takeover of the domestic airline industry.

To make their point, hundreds of Air Canada employees took part in protest rallies across Canada. For his part, Wayne Byron, chairman of Canadian Airlines parent PRA Corp, filed a \$1-billion lawsuit, alleging that Air Canada charged unreasonable low prices in an effort to

drive his company out of business. Still, by week's end, neither campaign's tactics had succeeded. For the second week in a row, the federal cabinet refused without announcing a decision.

In contemplating its options, the government had to grapple with a highly complex issue: how to preserve a competitive airline industry while still serving the national interest. Many airline industry insiders and analysts say that it may be impossible to reconcile those two objectives. Combined, both airlines are losing nearly \$5 million a day. But Canadian has a stronger credit line and, without the government's support to help close the deal with American, it could be bankrupt within months.

That would throw nearly 14,000 people out of work—many of them in Western Canada, a traditional Tory stronghold—and leave Air Canada without a competitor on most of its major domestic routes. Says Roger Ware, an economics professor at Queen's University in

### *Jets parked in the Mojave Desert: an attempt to reduce excess capacity*

Kingston, Ont.: "The government is trying to avoid a messy, open-air West and at the same time help the pro-competition forces. It will be pretty tricky."

Air Canada employees demonstrated last week just what kind of pressure they could apply. After smaller rallies across Canada, nearly 1,500 grounded and air crew, away in their company uniforms, camped on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. As they marched on the lawn in front of the Centre Block, many carried placards with such slogans as "30 years serving the West" and "Free enterprise. Let it fly."

Among them was Suzanne Goodfellow, a secretary at Montreal's Dorval Airport, who said that she and her fellow protesters oppose aid for Canadian. But he added: "We're not against Canadian. We're just a place to spend taxpayers' money on it." Declared Dorval resident, a Toronto-based flight attendant who has been with Air Canada for 30 years, "I am concerned not just about Air Canada, but the entire industry. If the government goes this route, it will lead to the deterioration of the industry."

Meanwhile, PRA executives were clearly uncertain of their own's intentions. After filing the \$1-billion lawsuit, which charges Air Cana-

de with predatory pricing practices, in the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the increasingly vociferous Byron leaked out at his co-accused rival. He claimed that Air Canada was "not at all about airways with Canadian and, indeed, has done its best to prevent PRA from forming an alliance with American."

"There has been a concerted effort to take us out of business," Byron said. "The inevitable consequence of the fact of what has been happening" For his part, Air Canada spokesman Denis Gosselin said that PRA's lawsuit was unfounded, but declined to elaborate. "Air Canada is not going to engage in mudslinging," he added.

PRA's civil suit was an unusual move. Jack Roberts, a law professor at the University of Western Ontario in London who specializes in competition law, said that the only two similar suits on record involved trademark charges. In the first, Roberts said, drug company Bristol-Myers-La Roche was convicted in 1980 for distributing the tranquilizer Valium to hospitals free to try to prevent rival manufacturers from introducing new tranquilizers, generically known as diuretics. In the second suit, in 1981, Consumers Glass was accused of selling its products at unreasonably low prices.

Indeed, because of the difficulty that PRA will have in proving its case against Air Canada, Roberts said that the company had more likely launched the suit as retaliation for an earlier claim filed against it. On Nov. 12, Paul Nelson, president of Toronto-based Genco Group Automated Distribution Systems Inc., filed an lawsuit totaling more than \$1 billion against PRA and American Airlines after PRA began procedures to withdraw from the Genco reservation system that it shares with Air Canada.

PRA wanted to switch to American's Sabre system, a critical component for the \$280-million deal with the U.S. carrier. "I don't expect to see relief suit come to trial," Roberts said. "There are just arguments in the overall battle, a way to get the government to take a decision." PRA's Byron denied that the lawsuit against Air Canada is retaliation for the Genco case. He added, "We don't operate to the fact."

The reservation controversy between the two airlines, however, is just not more fuel for the government to consider as it debates granting financial assistance to PRA. As well, it would have to come up with the money in a time of extreme economic pressure: the original federal budget deficit forecast of \$27.6 billion is now expected to reach \$31 billion this fiscal year. The Conservatives would also have to abandon their cherished philosophy of letting market forces decide the course of events. That could be particularly difficult for them now, especially in light of a rapid commission report on passenger transportation released last week.

A third government option—abandoning the two major Canadian airlines to struggle

with the private transportation industry, including rail, bus and air. It included, among other things, that governments should not be in the business of holding out orders. The report added that if, as a result, Canadian carriers had to then the government can open its doors and give foreign carriers access to Canadian markets.

For his part, Andrew Ross, a Toronto lawyer who specializes in regulated industries, said that open entry in the air industry but will not work in practice. The United States, the country whose carriers are most likely to compete in Canada, does not want an open-sky agreement with Canada. Rosses said, because that would set a precedent. "If they did it for the Canadians, they would be under pressure to do it internationally," he said. "Nobody is really prepared to do that."

If the Canadian government is determined to encourage competition, Rosses said, it should reduce the 20-per-cent ceiling on foreign ownership of Canadian airlines. The limit, he said, encourages protectionist because few buyers are willing to put so much money without having some influence in running the enterprise.

Others also face stiff opposition. Their officials first discussed a merger almost a year ago, but since then both companies have taken turns leaving all the tables. Last week's headlines would clearly make it difficult for them to resume negotiations. A merger would also leave Canada in the same situation as Canadian Airlines with a single major airline, which in the absence of competition, would be free to slash undesirable routes and raise fares. Michael Treibow, a professor of transportation studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, said that a study he conducted last fall showed that "a merger is not in the Canadian interest." He added, "You get little in the way of economies of scale while encouraging inefficiency."

Ottawa must also keep in mind that the Canadian airline industry operates within a global context—and that the industry worldwide is hemorrhaging badly. It lost \$5 billion last year, and will lose an estimated \$3 billion this year. At the same time, more than 3,600 pilots are sitting idle in the dry desert air of the vast Mojave in the southwestern United States as



Air Canada employees on Parliament Hill protest against a Canadian bailout

for now, at least, the federal government has put off making the final call on its options. Instead, it is dealing with the more pressing issue of providing financial support to PRA. But it is difficult for the government to help one beleaguered company and not another. Indeed, Air Canada chairman Gisle Gaylor has already demanded equal treatment for his company, which is losing more than \$1 million a day. Says Queen's Ware said that there is a historical precedent for the government, if it chooses to help PRA. "The government has gotten very busy with selective support in the past," he said. The government helped out Donair Petroleum with \$500 million in 1982.

A third government option—abandoning the two major Canadian airlines to struggle

their owners try to reduce the overcapacity in the system.

Rosses, a Dallas-based risk securities dealer, noted that excessive routes and fuel prices are the most critical cost elements for airlines. But even though both have been working in the carriers' favor in recent years, most airlines cannot make a profit. Said Rosses, "I don't know why anyone would want an airline. It seems to me they just bleed red ink." Clearly, the federal government will have to be at its creative best in order to devise a solution that helps more Canadians than it hurts.

BARBARA WICKENS with GLENN ALLEN in Ottawa and CHRIS WOOD in Dallas



# Back to the future

## BCE searches the globe for growth

When London (Rtd) Wilson and Raymond Cyr at dawn between Christmas and the New Year for their informal annual review of their company's progress, the president and the chairman of BCE Inc. will have a lot to talk about. Over the past few years, the \$40-billion Montreal-based telecommunications conglomerate, which controls Bell Canada, Northern Telecom and BCE Mobile Communications, has struggled to overcome its enervating 1980s drive to diversify, and to return to its roots as the telecommunications business. But only in the past several weeks has BCE's future finally clicked into place. Focus On Nov. 31, the company announced a \$600-million investment in the Mercury Communications division of Cable & Wireless Inc. of Britain, which has an established foothold in Asia, Europe and Caribbean markets. Just two weeks earlier, it hired Donker, the well-known former Canadian Ambassador to the United States, as a special adviser to its global growth executive vice-president. "BCE has unveiled its international markets before, but this deal is a departure point," said Robert Maclean, an investment analyst with Toronto-based Richardson Greenleaf Ltd. of Canada Ltd. "It is a strategic decision that could transform the company into a real international player."

Strategic is a term that has infrequently been applied to BCE's corporate initiatives for several years. In the heady 1980s, the company was caught up in a frenzied acquisition binge, paying top-dollar for an extensive portfolio of real estate in Canada and the United States as well as large investments in TransCanada Pipelines Ltd., natural gas producer Enbridge Inc., Montreal Trustco, printing company Quebecor Inc. and SRI Systems Inc. But as the economic cooled, the company's aggressive foray into new markets resulted in a series of significant financial write-downs. And now, even as BCE tries to cast forward to future growth in a diversified industry, it is still haunted by its past—aided by the task of disposing of its remaining real estate, energy and financial-services holdings. "In the 1980s, when I was told 'Maclean's', 'there was a shift in every-

one's view of what made sense for companies. We are now redefining assets to focus on what we know best. But you can't do overnight."

BCE's aggressive entry into the global telecommunications arena has not come about overnight either. The company already participates in joint ventures in New Zealand and Russia and is heavily involved in partnerships in newly privatized markets in Mexico and Venezuela. But because of BCE's abrupt and unsuccessful deluge into unrelated businesses, the investment community has, until recently, responded coolly to management talk about its planned strategic shift. Reckoning to BCE's dismal record with its real estate division, the now-defunct BCE Developments Ltd., one analyst said (in condition of anonymity): "Sure, people are still mad at them. Just ask anyone who is still suffering through the messy work-out of all that real estate." In fact, some industry sources calculate that BCE may well have to write off more than \$1 billion because of its holdings left over from the diversification through the 1980s.

Despite its detour away from its core business, they have provided the company with a stable source of revenue to reexamine future. In the first six months of this year, BCE



Cyr (left) and Wilson: getting BCE back to basics

reported net income of \$502 million on revenues of \$14.9 billion, down from earnings of \$591 million on revenues of \$14.6 billion in the same period a year ago. Significantly, the financial terms of the Cable & Wireless deal have now been approved from analysts. Indeed, the company intends to pay for its Mercury Communications investment with \$650 million from the sale of its remaining 33 per cent stake in TransCanada Pipelines. Another

\$350 million will come from the recent sale of telephone directory and printing division assets. The new investment will even contribute slightly to BCE's immediate strategy for the six months ended Sept. 30. Mercury reported a 35-per-cent increase in profits because of an increase in its share of the British market. Said Joanne Smith, who follows BCE for Nomura Securities in New York City: "When a company events in one of these high-brope, high-profile international deals, it's reassuring to see it structured this way. If something goes wrong, it limits the damage they'll have later."

Wilson emphasized that BCE is "not getting ahead" with Mercury and that it will continue to search for other international ventures. For now, however, the deal will allow BCE to expand its presence in the deregulated British telecommunications market, where cable television

and telephone companies are allowed to share their networks. It has already unveiled a two cable companies that have access to 1.8 million homes. In the future, Mercury will be able to use that network to transmit telecommunications signals, and BCE will be able to use its own partners' short-optic telephone networks for its cable TV signals.

The broad geographic scope of Mercury's permit, Cable & Wireless, which owns a 50.4 per cent stake in Hong Kong Telecommunications, is another lure for BCE because of its proximity to the massive, underdeveloped market in China. In addition, the British company is "low technology-intensive" than BCE, according to Wilson, and will provide a natural market for equipment developed and manufactured by Northern Telecom.

Although Wilson insists that "we'll like to invest more in Canada," he says that Ottawa's regulations of the telecommunications sector is a deterrent. Specifically, BCE objects to the restrictions placed on its investment in related telecommunications companies, including Telecel, which has a monopoly of Canada's international satellite and fibre-optic communications outside North America. Another point of contention with the company is the federal government's attempt to introduce deregulation and competition into the \$1.5-billion domestic long-distance market without permitting telephone companies to re-balance their calls in the British government of Margaret Thatcher did what it took the company held by British Telecommunications PLC in the 1980s. That would entail lowering local rates, which Canada's long-distance services currently subsidize, to attract lost revenue from long-distance calls.

Bell, which is currently appealing parts of

the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) decision in June to allow long-distance competition, has compared the ruling to "an imposition without compensation."

In particular, it is looking at having to shoulder the bulk of the \$240-million cost to build new competitors into the existing communications network. But even if Bell was its appeal to modify the CRTC judgment, said Norman's Smith, "it has already lost its domestic monopoly in the industry."

In the past year, BCE considered a deal with troubled General Guaranty Trust, which the Toronto-Dominion Bank recently acquired. Although Wilson said that there has been "no indication of interest to date," he added that size would be willing to talk about a possible transaction between Montreal Trust and Royal Trust Ltd. of Toronto. Wilson said that BCE would be interested in merging Montreal Trust with another company, allowing it to reduce its 100-per-cent ownership position. But as the company has diversified, on to the road back to the future, it is easier to add than to subtract.

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## Conrad Black's bold bid for Southam

BY PETER C. NEWMAN

**T**o those of us who follow Conrad Black's corporate gambles, his recent purchase of 23 per cent of the Southern publishing empire was as readily identifiable as a coronal vision of the "expanding-horizon officer," as evoked by one of his favorite authors, the British writer Evelyn Waugh. As Black, who loves to base his business tactics on army manoeuvres, once explained: "I keep advancing like a phalanx of men through a forest, parallel lines moving in various directions—and whenever there is a breakthrough, I try to exploit it."

Though he appears to spend most of his waking hours conversing himself with his own rhetoric, Black is an incurable idealist who sometimes elicits customary headlines: A mixture of calculation and boldness, he is not particularly attracted by money and, like his little ambience should be rich. Beyond money and even beyond power is his obsession with the ending, the thrill of being a conqueror, of living on the edge by negotiating against seemingly insuperable odds, as a whole citizen—and sometimes a whole country—wants to see what he will do next.

Unlike most corporate gaudies, whose overwhelming purpose these days is to survive the next session of shareholder bankruptcy court, as currently on their case, Black is in the enviable position of having acquired one of the world's great newspaper businesses, the London Daily Telegraph, which has given him an unparalleled international power base as well as impressive cash flows that need investing. (Purchased in 1985 for \$60 million, the Telegraph is now worth \$3.8 billion; for the first nine months of this fiscal year, Hollinger Inc., Black's holding company, reported revenues of \$854.6 million and profits of \$63 million, up 390 per cent from 1991.)

His \$250-million purchase of The Toronto Star's Southern holding has all the elements of a classic Black takeover: Just like the Telegraph and the British newspaper chain in

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Australia at the time he made a grab for them, Southam is in the death grip of a falling family dynasty. The Southams fathered too many heirs, diluting their entrepreneurial genes and equity positions. Only two decades ago, family members owned 64.9 per cent of the company's shares, their livelines reinforced by a privately published booklet, issued periodically, that gave some of the company's and the family members' activities. They still hold the document and issue the booklet, but their aggregate holdings are down to 37 per cent. The family's inability to speak with one voice or to field strong management successors has helped lower their chief assets' worth of profits. (In the first nine months of the current fiscal year, Southam dropped \$186 million on revenues of \$600 million.)

The head of the Southams clan is 62-year-old St. Clair Bellows of Toronto (related to the Southams naturally), who was the company's president and chairman between 1965 and 1985. "I'm very sorry that our arrangement with Toronto has come to an end," he told me last week. "It was something I had been working on for 40 years and thought I had achieved. They still believe Southam's performance has been lousy and there had not been a happy

relationship between the previous management and Toronto."

The Star became unhappy with its Southern investment when the board pushed through its poison pill provision at the June, 1990, board meeting. Significantly, the working papers customarily distributed to directors so they can study agendas before they meet did not include any notice of the poison pill provision, which was passed by the board over the objections of its three Star representatives.)

Before comments that the meeting poison pill arrangement—which gives Southern shareholders the right to buy additional stock at a 50-per-cent discount if an acquirer tries to purchase more than 20 per cent of the common shares without the board's approval—would make it prohibitively costly for Black to extend his ownership, he adds, "If I were a board member, I would be very tempted to agree. But not going to get into that position, this is as near that should go to the shareholders." (The Southern board still includes three family members.)

As far as the poison pill is concerned, David Radler, the Vancouver-based president of Hollinger who will be Black's main man on the Southern operations, told me: "Obviously, it's going to be up to the board to decide what it wants to do. Are they going to put their life's savings in jeopardy by maintaining that poison pill? Are they going to vote to keep it in force, knowing full well that if they do they will be sued by any minority shareholder seeking to maintain his profits? We will sue them too, but we probably won't be the first in line. I personally believe the poison pill is illegal, or should be. Anything that limits the shareholder's right to maintain his rights is wrong. I believe in the free enterprise system and I don't believe in entrenched management—whether it's ours or someone else's."

Neither Radler nor Black wish linking their involvement in any of their purchases to being passive investors. They do own only 13 per cent of the Liverpool Post in England, just 40 per cent of the Cayman Islands Company in the Caribbean and only 18.9 per cent of Toronto-based Financial Post, but they either have outright ownership or exercise effective control in nearly all of their other ventures. "We're going into this thing with an open mind," adds Radler. "If at some point we decide to go for a bigger investment, the Southern directors will be the first to know."

If Radler decides to go for control, his biggest headache will be dealing with the entrenched union membership at the Pacific Press newspaper plants in Vancouver. Drake Britain, where Black's company had the advantage of three-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher or putting imported labor at its place, on Canada's West Coast, the party is power in the city, which, with the recent introduction of its labor code, is turning out to be a militant labor—not socialist—government. "One could never confuse Mike Harcourt with Margaret Thatcher," quips Radler.

Even so, anyone familiar with Black's operational code knows that differences can't go on to stop him.

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A woman deacon at a baptism in the Church of England, and of a long campaign.

## RELIGION

# A faith divided

*Anglicans feud over women's ordination*

The ordination of women priests in the Anglican Church of Canada was one of the reasons that Jim Robert Warren left the country three years ago and moved to England. Complaining about a hostile reaction that he received for opposing women priests, Warren resigned as rector of St. Barnabas Church in New Westminster, B.C., and went to Birmingham, where he became rector at St. Lawrence Anglican church. Last week, Warren, 54, found himself in the minority once again, following the decision by the Church of England, on Nov. 11, to ordain women as priests. Warren says that he now feels that what happened to him in Canada could happen to British priests who dislike the idea of women being ordained. Opposing feminist priests, he explained, left him isolated. "In Canada, they set you up as a hero and pick you off like crabs," said Warren, referring to the hostility he felt from church authorities. Now, he explained, the Church of England "has been told more than it can chew."

And indeed, there were signs last week that the controversial decision, which only barely achieved the necessary support, might cause a deepening split within England's official church. Last hundreds of other members across England, St. Lawrence has a divided congregation as a result of the vote. While two sections of the church—the bishops and deacons—passed the measure with more than the two-thirds majority necessary to change the rules of the Church of England, the third sector, the laity, gave it only three votes more than it needed (189-182). The laity at London's historic Church House believed a better light within the church, and many observers said that the deacons represented the most important shift in Anglican decision since the English church split from the Roman Catholics 455 years ago over King Henry VIII's refusal to accept Rome's head on deacon.

This month's decision pleased those who waged a long campaign in support of ordaining women, but it outraged traditionalists—as it did in Canada, the United States and other countries when similar measures took effect during the 1970s. Ann Wildcombe, a senior minister at Prime Minister John Major's Conservative government, for one, announced that she would leave the church because she cannot accept the decision to allow women to be priests. She headed out to the Archbishop of Canterbury, R. G. George Carey, who supports the ordination of women and who once suggested that any other view was heretical. Declared Wildcombe: "I do not see that it is

possible to co-exist in a church whose head considers a large portion of us to be heretics."

Some traditionalist Anglican priests also threatened to break with their church. Immediate talk of a split in the clergy appeared to quiet after Carey appeared last week for deep prayer for "all those to whom the vote had brought dismay, doubt and anguish." But they renewed quickly when the former bishop of London, Graham Leonard, told the London-based Catholic Herald last week that he planned to lead a breakaway group of hundreds of priests into the Roman Catholic Church.

The new look of the church will not be apparent for some time, because the Church of England is the nation's official state church, the measure must be passed by Parliament and receive royal assent from the Queen. Political observers say that the measure is unlikely to encounter strong opposition at the House of Commons and should be ready for royal assent sometime late next summer. After that, there will be a further 12-month delay required by church law before the new rules go into force. As a result, it will be at least 18 months before the first of Britain's 5,300 women deacons can be ordained as fully qualified priests, entitled to perform all the functions now carried out by men, including giving communion and performing marriages.

For his part, Carey promised that there would be no discrimination in the church against those who remain opposed to women being ordained. And the negotiations bringing about the change after 100 years of opposition were relatively untroubled, staying comfortably within the church. Bishops currently in office will be able to refuse to ordain women or have them ordained in their diocese, and parish councils will have the right to reject a woman as their priest.

Still, angry women the traditionally male privileges of shepherding men, administering the blessing of God and presiding over communion—the church's central rite—has seriously threatened an initiative that many Church of England traditionalists have supported, even in consultation with the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches, both of which oppose the ordination of women. Just hours after the Anglican Church's vote, the Vatican issued a statement saying that the decision posed "a new and grave obstacle to unity."

The Catholic position was underscored by a new Roman Catholic criticism unveiled last week in France that, among other things, reaffirmed the church's opposition to the ordination of women (page 42). St. Robert Barron, a professor of New Testament religion and culture at Queen's Theological College in

Regimes. On June 1, the endowment of John Paul II is held the line, and most of all in relation to women in the church. There's an hint of a rift among the more than 100 bishops in the United States, a majority of American Roman Catholic bishops meeting in Washington took the unusual step of refusing to adopt a proposed pastoral letter dealing with women, because they said that it was likely to alienate women. The pastoral letter, which was intended to be used as churches, generally affirmed women's rights. But some bishops objected to the tone of the letter, which, among other things, held women partly to blame for sexual abuse. Observers said that even though many of the bishops regarded the proposed letter as showing sensitivity to women, few of them supported the idea of women being ordained as priests.

But while the Anglican Church in England still struggles to come to terms with ordaining women, that is no longer an issue in many of its offshoots in other countries. In Canada and the United States, women have been ordained in the Anglican and Episcopalian churches, respectively, since the mid-1970s. Now, about 10 per cent of the clergy in both churches are women. That caused some Canadian Anglicans to break with the church. Members of the Ottawa-based Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, which has attracted several hundred members since its formation in 1977, say that besides opposing the ordination of women, they also decried the Anglican Church's 1976 decision to use contemporary English in its prayer book, and other modernizing trends within the church.

In England, for all the defections and en-

trials talk of a schism, some clergymen who opposed the ordination of women appeared to be waving to terms with the idea. Rev. Patrick Hobson, rector at the parish of Wilton, 20 km east of London, said that he turned to the Bible to help him accept the decision as "fulfilling the will of God." Added Hobson: "I



Clergy: no discrimination against traditionalists

feel myself not actually wanting to engage in the debate any longer."

While Anglican traditionalists generally argue that the church should not ordain women because Jesus/baptist chose only men to his 12 apostles, supporters of women's ordination

claim that the debate is really about outdated male-oriented views on the role of women. Indeed, critics of the Church of England's position note that it is one of the few institutions exempt from Britain's equal opportunities legislation. "I think people can see that one of the last bastions of discrimination of women was coming down," said Rev. David Donald, vicar of St. Mary's Theban from Anglican church northwest of London and a founding member of a 3,000-member group called Priests for Women's Ordination.

At the same time, some Anglicans expressed hope that businesses over the issue would indicate so that the church could address other more important issues. Although the Anglican Church has the nominal support of about 80 per cent of the country's population, its congregations are declining. Indeed, only about four per cent of Britain who say they are Christians attend church on Sundays. There are about 1.14 million active Anglicans in England, about 5 per cent fewer than a decade ago. At the same time, smaller, independent churches have increased their membership by 42 per cent. According to Oxford University theologian Keith Ward, the issue of women priests is unlikely to increase much attention for long from those confronting the bigger issues facing the church. "It's like abolishing slavery," said Ward. "Once you've made the move, you wonder why it wasn't made a thousand years ago."

Still, it may be several years before Anglicans learn exactly what the full cost of the church's decision will be.

MARK RENNERT in London and  
NORA UNDERWOOD in Toronto

## A CONSERVATIVE'S NEW CATECHISM

At the Council of Trent, held in northern Italy from 1545 to 1563, leaders of the Roman Catholic Church confronted the rising forces of Protestantism by reaffirming and clarifying church doctrine. Then, in 1596, the church produced a major document known as a catechism, based on the council's decisions, which since then has served as a guide for bishops and religious teachers. Last week, bishops unveiled a new Roman Catholic catechism based up of 1,846 articles, formulated by a board of theologians and bishops that worked under the leadership of the ultra-conservative Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, who heads the Vatican's office on faith and morals.

While addressing modern issues, the new catechism upholds the church's traditional views on most issues. Birth control, mar-

riage, euthanasia, divorce, sex outside of marriage and abortion remain on a list of banned activities. The church reaffirmed its long-standing rule that only baptized men may be ordained, declaring that Jesus chose only men to be his apostles. The catechism also clarified the church's position on a key issue by stating that most of the blame for the death of Jesus should be placed on Christians, "its responsibility they have too often attributed to the Jews."

At well, the updated catechism contains new sections dealing with contemporary problems such as drunk driving and drug abuse, both of which the church considers to be moral and legal responsibilities. In addition, while the catechism again emphasizes to be chaste, it encourages compassion for them.

Some critics of the new catechism charged that the church overlooked several important modern-day issues, including the fact that the use of condoms during sexual intercourse reduces the risk of contracting the AIDS virus. "It's holding the traditional Catholic line on

sexual matters," said Robert Barr, a professor of New Testament and religious studies at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont. But other commentators, including John Moughar, a professor of theology at St. Michael's College in Toronto, maintain that certain issues may be implicitly dealt with in the catechism. Said Moughar: "The people responsible for the catechism are the catechists would say. Yeah, there's a problem with poverty and overpopulation, but abortion isn't the way to deal with it."

The new, 676-page catechism will be translated from its original French into six languages by next spring and will be sold as booklets. Some observers, including Barr, said that the updated catechism may encourage people who are already uncomfortable about their faith to take a new look at where the church stands in the 20th century—and to ask their own questions in a new light.

NORA UNDERWOOD

WE'VE ALL SEEN FOUR-WHEEL-  
DRIVE (4WD) VEHICLES STREAMING  
OUT OF THE CITY ON BUSY WEEK-  
ENDS, LOADED TO THE ROLL BARS  
WITH LAUGHING URBANITES  
CAMPING GEAR, SKIS, WIND-  
SURFERS AND OTHER OUTDOORSY,  
LEISURE PARAPHERNALIA. BUT  
4WDs ARE EQUALLY COMMON IN  
THE DOWNTOWN CORE OF  
CANADIAN CITIES AS THEY FERRY  
EXECUTIVES IN SLEEK SUITS WITH  
THEIR EXTENSIVE ATTACHÉ CASES  
TO AND FROM MEETINGS.

Interest in 4WD and all-wheel drive (AWD) has really increased since the early 1990s, particularly in pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles," says David Cole, director, Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "These vehicles are more civilized than they've ever been. They're real cushy, with a quiet, smooth ride. They have all the features we take for granted in passenger cars. Like comfort, drivability, air conditioning, power steering, brakes and windows. They're fashionable enough that you can show up at the country club in them."

Chances are people you know drive a 4WD or AWD vehicle, although their reasons may vary substantially. Over the past several years, sales of vehicles equipped with 4WD have increased, particularly in the sport utility and van categories.

First-time vehicle registration figures from each of the provincial registries, as compiled by Toronto-based R.L. Polk & Co. Ltd.'s statistical services division, show that sales of cars with AWD increased by over five per cent in 1991 from 1988. Interest in AWD passenger vans has been nothing short of phenomenal with sales increasing by 11,763 per cent in 1991 from 1988. During the same period, sales of 4WD passenger vans increased by 1,622 per cent, while sales of sport utility 4WD increased a healthy 28.55 per cent.

Industry consultants and manufacturers attribute this sales increase as much to the public's perception of greater road safety and stability as the sporty, fun-loving image of these vehicles.

"I've had a number of 4WD vehicles," says Dr. David Harder, an orthopaedic surgeon from North Vancouver, B.C., "but the AWD 1992 Subaru SVX that I've been driving for the past six months is totally incredible. Our Toyota mini-van with 4WD is the family vehicle. I live on Grouse Mountain in Vancouver and usually I had the 4WD and AWD vehicles, I had to park at the bottom of the mountain if there was even frost on the ground. We got a lot of run here, and with the 4WD and AWD, your vehicle doesn't plane on wet roads. It's a lot safer and I'm more comfortable going around and passing other vehicles in bad weather. It also gives me more control on curvy corners regardless of the conditions. I ski in Whistler, B.C. and it gives me more options. Parking close to the lifts is simple with 4WD, because you can always slip your vehicle in somewhere. We no longer have to walk for-

## EASY WHEELING



ever to get to the lifts."

"There is no doubt that image is part of the appeal, but the public rightly believes these vehicles are safer and more adept at a variety of road conditions," says Chris Douglas, manager, product relations, General Motors, Oshawa. "Whether or not they need it, even if they only use the 4WD three times in one year, they believe it's worthwhile."

The 4WD vehicle has become so trendy that consumers buy one whether or not they really need it, according to one auto industry representative.

Following a particularly vicious snowstorm, many of the doctors in an affluent Michigan suburb purchased 4WD vehicles to be sure they would reach their patients no matter what. Whether or not they've encountered the severe weather conditions that inspired their purchases, those doctors now have peace of mind because of their 4WD vehicles, says Cole.

In addition, the 4WD feature will stand owners in

They could be more different, but both the 1992 Ford Bronco (top) and the Chevrolet Caprice (above) feature AWD.

good stead when they're ready to sell their vehicles. Four-wheel-drive vehicles depreciate more slowly than 2WD vehicles with similar mileage in comparable condition. In fact, 4WDs generally have a better retained value of about five per cent.

Four-wheel-drive has been around since the turn-of-the-century in more primitive forms, but became popular only in the early 1970s, thanks to the more sophisticated technology found in vehicles like the Ford Bronco and Chevrolet Blazer.

Shooter wheel bases in sport utility and Jeep-type vehicles often had what Cole calls a "jittery" ride. "You almost had to enjoy pain to drive the early Jeeps, but that's no longer the case," he says.

Significantly better suspension design in these and other 4WD vehicles has dramatically improved their ride. Some manufacturers also lengthened the wheelbase to provide a still smoother ride.

Caution from all walks of life, from farmers to rock stars, veterinarians to top executives and fashion designers, depend on 4WD vehicles to get them where they need to go for work and play. Both men and women welcome the freedom and sense of security 4WD gives them.

Greg Kooler, a lead vocalist and guitar player with the award-winning Canadian rock band Blue Rodeo,



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bought his Jeep Wagoneer, complete with 4WD and block heater, after moving an hour's drive northeast of Toronto, where snow plows rarely reach rural routes on a daily basis.

"I call my Jeep 'Stiller' because when I look outside and see the snow, I smile, knowing I can get anywhere, any time. It's comforting," laughs Kestler. "Before I got this vehicle, I'd end up at the ditch, hit trees and even a hydro pole. It was getting expensive, not to mention inconvenient and dangerous."

Because his driveway was usually under several feet of snow, he often parked his car on the road, where plows invariably buried it. "I had to give myself an extra hour just to dig it out," says Kestler, who appreciates Stiller's ability to navigate the snowy driveway.

Janet Zimmerman, wife of Noranda Forest Inc. Chairman Adam Zimmerman, feels much the way Greg Kestler does. "I often go



Roberta's dark-sprung SUV with 4WD (above) leaves the business interior and to a superior performer

north to Collingwood, Ontario, to ski and before I had my 4WD car, I got stuck twice. I've had it for four winters and it gives me a feeling of confidence. I'd never want a truck, but having had 4WD, I'll want it on my next car. If Toronto gets even three inches of snow, everyone panics and no one moves, so I appreciate it in the city as well."

Those who live or play outside the city limits aren't the only ones who swear by their trustworthy 4WD vehicles. Although used strictly for city driving and getting to and from the airport, Jay Switzer, vice-president and station manager, Cliffs, Toronto, and his wife, actress Ellen Debris, are having the time of their lives with their four-door Suzuki Sidekick. Switzer, who is at the station night and day, often before the plows get out, also appreciates the increased traction.

Many consumers mistakenly

believe 4WD provides better traction because it lets each wheel operate independently. But the improved traction is simply the result of all four wheels receiving power.

In a typical sport utility vehicle or pickup truck with rear-wheel-drive, 80 per cent of the vehicle's weight is available to help push it forward. But in 4WD, with all four wheels receiving power, the vehicle's entire weight is pushing and pulling it forward.

Even with 4WD, a limited slip differential system is a real traction bonus. Otherwise, the wheel on dry pavement can develop no more traction than the wheel on ice. The system fools the wheel on dry pavement into thinking the wheel on ice is also on dry pavement.

Although respected fashion designer Wayne Clark, of Wayne Clark Designs Inc., Toronto, loved his tiny Italian sports car, he didn't feel safe in it. "I was constantly

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## The 1993 Ford Ranger XLT 4x4.



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getting stuck and when I wasn't stuck, I was sliding," he says, explaining why he bought a Suzuki Samurai, then traded up to his present Suzuki Sidekick. "It's amazing. Every winter, I forget what 4WD does for me, until it snows and I see everyone else skidding around."

In a 4WD system, a secondary transmission assembly, called a transfer case, is driven from the main transmission. The heart of a four-wheel drive system in trucks with rear-wheel drive and a front-mounted engine, the transfer case distributes power to drive both axles and all four wheels.

All vehicles have differential systems on the drive axles that let the left- and right-hand wheels rotate at different speeds without skidding when rounding corners.

When in 4WD, there are separate differential systems on the front and rear axles that coordinate the left and right wheels. But on dry pavement, 4WD without a differential system that permits the front and rear wheels to operate at different speeds provides an uncomfortable ride.

Under normal conditions, AWD splits the drive

between the front and rear wheels, but the drive axle gets the bulk of the power. The computer redirects power to the axle with the most traction, when sensors indicate a lack of traction.

Technological developments and design improvements mean 4WD owners see fuel consumption increases of less than five per cent, despite the additional weight and reduced aerodynamics. The 4WD vehicle is slightly heavier and tends to ride a little higher on the road than its more aerodynamically efficient front- and rear-wheel drive counterparts.

Each manufacturer has a different 4WD and AWD system, many of which are patented, but they generally fall into one of these categories. For example, the Audi quattro system

has distinct advantages over front- and rear-wheel drive systems. Because twice as many wheels are being driven, it has better grip when traction is poor. It also provides more consistent handling characteristics than front- and rear-wheel drive. In a cornering situation, a two-wheel drive vehicle can reach and surpass the limit of adhesion, causing understeer in a front-wheel-drive model and oversteer in a rear-wheel-drive vehicle. The limit of adhesion is exceeded when the combination of

cornering forces plus engine power exceeds the level of friction that exists between a tire and the road, causing the tire to slip. But with AWD, each wheel needs to transmit only half as much power as a conventional two-wheel drive system.

In the case of the Audi 90, 100 and S4, quattro AWD is distinguished from other AWD systems by its Torsen Centre Differential. Torsen is a contraction of the phrase "Torque Sensing," essentially summarizing



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the differential's function, which is to transfer torque to the wheel with the best grip.

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GM's InstaTrac, an electromechanical system, became standard on all 4WD pickups, Blazers,

Subarons and Crows. And in 1993, InstaTrac replaces the manual shift mechanism for engaging and disengaging 4WD. There is no select lever or linkage from the lever to the shift fork in the transfer case. All other internal transfer case components, front differential, drive shafts and hubs are unchanged.

Electric shift allows the driver to shift into or out of drive range or mode while driving at any speed, also known as "on-the-fly."

Automatic locking hubs are engaged with a shift lever or electric shift transfer case. To engage some systems, the vehicles might have to be slowed to less than 5 mph. Others must first be fully stopped.

Manual locking hubs mean the driver has to get out and manually lock the front hubs to engage and disengage the front-wheel-drive system. Many true off-road enthusiasts claim they prefer manual



"I'm more worried about other cars hitting me than the vehicle going out of control."  
Ray Stewart  
Apple Canada

locking hubs.

Off-road conditions certainly came into play for Ray Stewart, a top executive with Apple Canada. When his European luxury car couldn't haul the family water-ski boat up a steep rocky ramp at an Ontario lake, he decided he couldn't postpone his 4WD purchase any longer. "We ski at a different lake every weekend, but I'd spend much of the day with a lamp in my stomach wondering how we'd get the boat out of the water at day's end," says Stewart. "4WD is in vogue right now, but I really need it."

Stewart, his wife, Nancy, and daughters Courtney (seven) and Carlin (four), also downhill ski. While skiing through falling snow, Stewart was often wondering what would undoubtedly be a long, unswerving drive home. Stewart recalls one particularly memorable winter's day: "After six inches of snow, we hit the 400 highway, but I

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couldn't figure out why our Ford Explorer was the only vehicle on the road," laughs Stewart. "It turns out the highway had been closed, but they'd left an out-of-the-way on ramp open. It was great! In bad conditions, I'm more worried about other cars hitting me than my vehicle going out of control."

Horse veterinarian Dr. Ruth Barbour is also concerned about bad conditions. She works northwest of Toronto, where the specialists in feeding manes. Because manes tend to fall at night and

driving conditions were unsafe, they'd freak out. The only problem was that I tend to get a little nervous and try to glow through impossible conditions. When I do get stuck, I really get stuck."

Many GM models are carryovers for 1993, the Isuzu Rodeo was introduced in 1991; the Isuzu Trooper, Chevrolet

I told an owner that I couldn't get there because



"I've had my GMC Jimmy for three years and I couldn't do it without it." Dr. Ruth Barbour, Horse Veterinarian

puts out 150 HP. The 5.3-liter V8 engine is an option, giving it a maximum towing capacity of 6,500 pounds.

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As standard equipment, both the 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Jeep Grand Wagoneer feature four-wheel, anti-lock brakes and driver's side airbags. Their air conditioning systems use the environmentally friendly R134A refrigerant rather than Freon 12.



The Dodge Stratus R/T Sedan is 1993 in the 240,000-245,000 range.

have a peculiar affinity for birthing during storms, this doctor frequently finds herself on the road in rotten weather.

"I've had my GMC Jimmy for three years and I couldn't do my job without it," says Dr. Barbour. "It's part of the service I provide. If

Powered by a 1.8-liter, single overhead cam, in-line 4-cylinder engine, producing 90 HP at 5,400 r.p.m., the fuel-injected engine is mated to a five-speed manual transmission. The Senranger has near-wheel anti-lock brakes.

Introducing the 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Chrysler Canada, of Windsor, Ont., gives consumers the choice of three 4WD systems: part-time 4WD, full-time 4WD and



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The classic Jeep Cherokee model lineup has been revised for 1993, with three price classes: Cherokee Base, Cherokee Sport, Cherokee Country. Cherokee Base is powered by an economical 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine and the 4WD model features the Command-Trac 4WD system with shift-on-the-fly capability.

"I liked my first Jeep Cherokee so much that I got another one," says David Edmunds, president, The Communications Group, a Toronto-based public relations consulting firm. "It's a fun truck to drive, which is the tritest of trite reasons, but true. I like the extra passenger and cargo space, the great visibility I get because I sit high and am surrounded by glass. I love the 4WD so much that I use it when high-way driving is optional, summer and fall rain as well as in the winter."

Cherokee Sports 4.0-liter, high-output, six-cylinder engine has Command-Trac 4WD as standard on the 4WD model with the option of the Selec-Trac full-time system. Cherokee Country has a high-output 4.0-liter, six-cylinder engine with Command-Trac, part-time 4WD, and the Selec-Trac full-time system as an option.

The Jeep YJ's model lineup for 1993 has been revised. Jeep YJ "S," the entry level Jeep, Jeep YJ Base, Jeep YJ Sahara, Jeep YJ Renegade. Each Jeep YJ model is equipped with the most powerful engine in its class, each featuring Command-Trac 4WD and the standard open-air roof or the optional hardtop. Those with the high-output 4.0-liter engine, (standard on Renegade and Sahara, optional on YJ Base), have a four-wheel, antilock brake system (ABS)

as an option.

The Jeep YJ "S" specification level is similar to the Jeep Base, but without the rear seat, radio, and alternate wheel and tire size.

The case of the Jeep YJ line, the Jeep YJ Base, has a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine as standard with Command-Trac, part-time 4WD with shift-on-the-fly capability. It delivers 92 kW power (123 bhp) at 5,250 rpm; 185 N.m (139 lb./ft.) of torque at 3,350 rpm. Jeep YJ Sahara has a high-output 4.0-liter, in-line six-cylinder engine and a "military-tough" look, com-



"I love the 4WD so much that I use it when highway driving is optional, summer and fall rain as well as in the winter."

plete with "Sahara" decals and graphics and round fog lamps.

The stylish Renegade retains its sculptured, smooth, rounded look and has the high-output, 4.0-liter Multipoint fuel-injected in-line, six-cylinder power plant. Net power is 154 kW (180 bhp) at 4,750 rpm, with 285 N.m (210 lb./ft.) net torque at 4,000 rpm.

A new "Four Seasons" soft top designed for use with full hard doors and a new soft top sliding window will be available later in the 1993 model year.

For 1993, the Plymouth and Dodge Colt Wagon AWD and Eagle Summit Wagon have a 2.4-liter engine as standard. The 1993 Plymouth Laser has four-speed automatic transmission on the RS Turbo-AWD model.

Land Rover Canada Inc., Toronto, has expanded its product range in this country with the introduction of the 1993 Land Rover Defender 110, equipped with a 3.9-liter, 160 bhp V6 engine, making it the most powerful production Defender. Just 25 of the aluminum-bodied 1993 Land Rover Defenders will be imported,



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and rear window  
breakers.

featuring 4WD, a rigid boxed steel ladder chassis and high ground clearance.

It's a five-door model with front bucket seats, a rear bench and four folding jump seats in the cargo area for a total passenger capacity of nine. A five-speed manual gearbox, 8,000-lb capacity winch, air conditioning and auxiliary rear heater are standard on the Canadian model.

The fuel-injected aluminum V8 engine is mated to a two-speed transfer case with manually locking centre differential. Front and rear live axles use long travel coil springs and telescopic hydraulic shock absorbers. It should sell for about \$56,000.

Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., Oakville, Ont., has many carry-over models for 1993. However, four-wheel ABS became standard on both the Explorer and Bronco

model lineups, which respectively include the Explorer XL, Explorer Sport, Explorer XLT, Explorer Eddie Bauer and Bronco Custom, Bronco XLT and Bronco Eddie Bauer. The Bronco now has the 5.0-litre engine as standard, with the 4.9-litre engine deleted.



We have our second 4WD - a Ford Explorer, not because it's trendy, but because we really need it."  
Mark Brucker  
IBM Canada

"We have our second 4WD, a Ford Explorer, not because it's trendy, but because we really need it," says Mark Brucker, an IBM Canada executive who lives in Cambridge, Ont. Deader, his wife, Mary Mooney, and their daughters rely on the Explorer's extra power and traction to pull their boat and home trailer. The Explorer is handy on winter roads, while the roof rack conveniently carries everything from furniture and dog cages to skis and construction materials.

Nissan's pickups offer CPC-free air-conditioning, with rear, antilock brakes on all

Nissan 4WDs.

Nissan's 1993 Pathfinder has rear antilock brakes, 5-link coil-spring rear suspension, sedan-style side-impact protection beams, CPC-free air-conditioning, a redesigned cargo area and an eight-speaker stereo as standard equipment.

The Suzuki Samurai appeared for the last time in the 1992 model year, but there are plans to replace that vehicle in the 1994 or 1995 model year.

As the tables on the following page prove, there are 4WD and AWD vehicles to suit every taste and budget.

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## TRUCKS AND VANS

\$10,000 - \$15,000

Ford "S" Ranger  
Jeep YJ "S" Two-Door, Soft-Top  
Suzuki Sidekick

\$15,000 - \$20,000

Atami Sunrunner  
Chevrolet S10 Blazer  
Chevrolet S10 Pickup  
Colt Wagon, AWD  
Eagle Summit Wagon, AWD  
Ford Aerostar, compact wagon  
Ford Aerostar, cargo van  
Ford F150 "S"  
Ford F250  
Ford 350

GMC S15 Pickup

Jeep Cherokee Base  
Jeep Cherokee Sport  
Jeep Cherokee Country, Two-Door

Jeep YJ Base, Two-Door, Soft-Top

Jeep YJ Sahara, Two-Door, Soft-Top

Mazda B2600 i

Nissan Pickup

Toyota Pickup

\$20,000 - \$25,000

Chevrolet Astro "L" van, AWD  
Chevrolet "K" Blazer  
Chevrolet Suburban

Dodge Caravan SE MagicWagon, AWD

Dodge Caravan LE MagicWagon, AWD

Dodge Grand Caravan SE

MagicWagon, AWD

Dodge Grand Caravan LE

MagicWagon, AWD

Ford Bronco

Ford Explorer

GMC Safari "L" van, AWD

GMC "L" van, AWD

Jeep YJ Renegade, Two-Door, Soft-Top

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Jeep Cherokee Country, Four-Door Wagon

Jeep Grand Cherokee Four-Door Wagon

Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo Four-Door Wagon

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Nissan Axxess, AWD

Nissan Pathfinder

Plymouth Voyager SE

MagicWagon, AWD

Plymouth Voyager LE

MagicWagon, AWD

Plymouth Grand Voyager SE

MagicWagon, AWD

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MagicWagon, AWD

Toyota 4 Runner

Toyota Previa

\$25,000 - \$30,000

Dodge Caravan ES MagicWagon, AWD

Dodge Grand Caravan ES

MagicWagon, AWD

GMC Suburban

GMC Yukon

Isuzu Trooper

Plymouth Voyager LX

MagicWagon, AWD

Toyota Previa LE

\$30,000 - \$35,000

Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited Four-Door Wagon

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# Homegrown talent

Canadians are making a mark in the majors

Over the past few weeks, Nigel Wilson of *Base*, one of about five major-league baseball players here, overtook the homegrown talent of the Toronto Blue Jays organization, stepped into the spotlight year after the 17th edition of the World Series in New York City to mock the newly

The result has been dramatic: Canada won the 1991 World Series Baseball Championships for players 35 and under, beating teams from the United States, Cuba and Taiwan. Lorne Koon, technical director of Baseball Canada, an umbrella organization for amateur baseball, says that 35 major-league scouts attended last summer's tournament of potential all-star teams in Knoxville, R.C. "We are starting to produce better players right



Wilson after the draft: 'the most questions I've ever answered'

The Blue Jays may not have had a Canadian in their Series-winning lineup, but the Great White North is fast becoming a notable producer of baseball talent. Through the 1980s, Ottawa-based Baseball Canada and its provincial affiliates developed improved coaching programs for Canadian youngsters. As well, top-level players can now play year-round through the National Baseball Institute in Vancouver and the Academy of Baseball Canada in Montreal. These two programs, funded by corporate sponsors and the country's three major-league franchises, allow the players to stay in school while also competing against southern U.S. universities. Several current big leaguers came through the revamped system, including Montreal's star outfielder, Larry Walker, who last week finished fifth in the most-reliable player voting in the National League.

Wilson after the draft: 'the most questions I've ever answered'

Canadian flavor. Colorado chose Tease out-fighter Kevin Steiner, from Borden, B.C., in the first round (and later traded him to Milwaukee), and concluded the event by taking Cleveland's Edwin Encarnacion, a left-handed pitcher from Lachine, Que. More significantly, the team that of the two new franchises drew heavily on teams based in Canada. Montreal general manager David D'Amico and Colorado GM Bud Selig both used to work for the Montreal Expos, so did many of their staff members.

Toronto's contribution was its example. In 1991, the Jays' draft strategy was to acquire young players with potential, rather than players with major-league experience. The Marlins took that same build-for-the-future approach. "We are absolutely thrilled with the players we got," enthused D'Amico. "We've got some great young talent, players who we think are on the verge of major-league stardom." But the Marlins are aware that the Blue Jays' long-term gain—30 straight winning seasons and a

Series trophy—followed short-term pain—only 54 wins in their last season. "I hope the fans are patient," said Marlins manager Jose Padua.

In Canada, some nationalists criticized the Blue Jays for not protecting Wilson from one of their American or Latin prospects. But Wilson was delighted, noting that he has a better opportunity of playing in the majors with an expansion team than on the talent-laden Jays. And although his major-league credentials were impressive, they were no better than a handful of recent Jay outfield prospects who have since been traded—including fellow Canadian, Rob Ducey. Moreover, a shoulder injury last season had sidelined the power in Wilson's throwing arm.

"With proper rehabilitation and hard work, he can get his arm back to where it was before the injury," said Valdes. "His arm was elite—playable—but he got there with his bat."

Since the draft, Valdes added, his office has received hundreds of calls from players, coaches and parents seeking information on everything from winter training techniques to how to get the attention of scouts. He promises that his staff of 14 scouts across the country will follow up on each lead. But he warns that only players "on a mission" are likely to climb to the show. "There's no elevator to the major leagues," Valdes said. "You have to take the stairs." With his move from the home-town Jays to the expansion Marlins, Nigel Wilson has suddenly arrived at the top step.

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## SPORTS



Photo: banking that the Canadian game will take root on American soil

## Playing the field

Uncertainty looms beyond Grey Cup week

One year later, the epic 1991 Grey Cup struggle between the Calgary Stampeders and the Toronto Argonauts remains a memorable showcase of the Canadian Football League at its best. That game, a 36-21 Toronto triumph highlighted by a game-winning, 47-yard kick return by Reggie O'Leary's hand, stirred a boisterous crowd of 50,000 fans in Ford World Stadium and millions more riveted to their televisions. But the so-called excitement masked off-field uncertainty over the CFL's shaky financial health. And, despite efforts to stop the bleeding, that uncertainty remains as the league prepares for the 1992 Grey Cup, to be played Nov. 29 at Toronto's SkyDome. Officials estimate that only four of eight franchises will even approach the break-even point this year, with the others suffering substantial losses. And as the CFL's last true counterpart expansion in the United States, observers wonder openly whether that move will prove to be the savior—or the death—of the Canadian game. "There's been a lot of progress," said league commissioner Larry Smith, "but we're not out of the woods yet."

As the very least, the expansion plan announced earlier this month raised doubts about whether the CFL will remain truly Canadian. The league is looking first to Montreal and then to such U.S. cities as San Antonio, Tex., Sacramento, Calif. and Portland, Ore., as possible sites. Officials say that they are investigating whether they can retain some version of the existing rule that guarantees 20 of each team's 37 roster spots for non-imports—which is what the league calls its Canadian players. "I don't want to sound too nationalist or pro-Canadian," said Ken Breen, a 27-year-old native of Toronto who plays wideback for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. "But this is the CFL, and the Canadian players should have their place."

Going into this season, the league boasted new blood and new ideas. Four teams had changed ownership in the past two years. And last February, the league's owners hired Smith, a 42-year-old marketing specialist from Montreal. "The commissioner," said Mike McCarthy, general manager of the Toronto Argonauts, "came in here this year with a business plan, which no one in the CFL has ever done before." Smith imposed his marketing emphasis on nearly all aspects of league life, including that year's Grey Cup festivities in Toronto.

Along with the usual awards occasions and gala dinners, the organizing committee created the first-ever CFL Football, a three-day fan-participation event adjacent to SkyDome that features telecasts and ball-of-line exhibits, autograph sessions and posing and kicking contests.

But Smith and team owners have viewed the league's future on expansion to the United States—which they note will not mean the death of Canadian content. Even Ed Molstad, legal counsel for the CFL Players' Association in Edmonton, agrees that Canadian players could survive expansion. "I think they rather have a terrible minority example," he said. "There are a great number of non-imports who compete at a high level, and dropping the ratios would not affect them."

But Molstad, an Edmonton native who played for the Eskimos between 1965 and 1973, said that the ratio rule gives some Canadians a professional football that, over a couple of years, enables them to compete with better-trained American players. As well, any rule change resulting from expansion would have to be acceptable to the players, whose collective agreement, which includes roster guarantees, runs through the 1994 season. "When you eliminate the opportunity to get through those two years," Molstad said, "you may well be eliminating the chance for many Canadian athletes to play professional football."

Smith rejected suggestions that expansion, whether implemented in 1993 or 1994, is a desperate attempt to outpace the league's money troubles. In fact, he insisted that, "the financial situation is better than it has been for years," because of the newly reduced, \$3-million salary cap on each team's player payroll, along with caps on administrative costs. "That's what has interested investors in the U.S. and Montreal," he said. "Going into 1993, we will have the strictest financial controls of any sports entity in North America." But it remains to be seen whether Canadian rights holders—even including such major American players as Miami and Calgary quarterback Doug Flutie—will take root on U.S. soil. San Antonio, for one, barely supported its franchise in the now-defunct World League of American Football. Why, critics wonder, would the city now embrace the Canadian game?

At least part of the answer, CFL advocates say, lies in the league's on-field appeal. Unlike the NFL's often dull or inept Super Bowl, the Grey Cup has traditionally been a keen event. Smith says that last year's Cup drew a total TV audience of 6.8 million—more than any televised sporting event in Canada until last month's broadcasts of the Toronto Blue Jays' World Series victory. The rodeo-on-nature of the league—with its larger field and more prominent passing game—will be what keeps the "Canadian" in the Canadian Football League, Smith says. "If we may be the way we are right now, we will survive," he adds. "But we have a great product, so why shouldn't we try to sell it?" The league's future depends on whether enough people will be buying.

JAMES DEANON

# Royal Fire Storm

**A STEADY FLOW OF NEW EMBARRASMENTS RAISES TROUBLING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CROWN**

**James:** Oh Squidgy, I love you. I love you.  
**Diana:** You are the most person in the whole, wide world.

**Charles:** I adore you. I am so proud of you.  
**Camilla:** I love you, darling.

They sound like nothing more than the cloying conversations of love-struck teenagers. But if Britain's tabloid newspapers are to be believed, they represent nothing less than definitive proof that the matrimony of the world's most celebrated couple is feckly, irreversibly cracked. In taped conversations of private phone calls, Diana, the Princess of Wales, exchanges terms of endearment with a man generally referred to as her "love frog," duchess heir James Gibeby. Her husband, Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, is meanwhile whispering intimacies to his old flame from pre-Diana days, Camilla Parker-Bowles. Together, they paint a picture of a couple in love—but, unfortunately for the royal soap-makers, not with each other.

Officials at Buckingham Palace might have thought they had weathered the worst last June, when author Andrew Morton revealed in his sensational book, *Diana: Her True Story*, that the princess's marriage was so unhappy that she had made several attempts at suicide. But ever since, there has been a steady flow of new scandalous and public relations disasters. Diana's intimate chat with Gibeby was reported by one tabloid, while a royal newspaper struck back by printing details of Charles's relationship with Parker-Bowles. Morton, at a now-disputed written for the paperback edition of his book, revealed new disparities within the Royal Family, including an alleged split between Diana and her father-in-law, Prince Philip. By the end of last week, when a major fire which swept through Windsor Castle, the royal's weekend retreat—on the day of St. Quasi's 450th wedding anniversary and in the year of its 40th anniversary on the throne—it seemed to quash the troubles carping the family from within (page 7).

**Hardship:** Here where Charles and Diana arrange public reconciliation during a last-day visit to St. Korea early this month, the tabloids were so insatiable. They reported that the royal couple could barely sit to be in the same room with each other. By last week, speculation was so hot that some papers were claiming that the prince and princess might be plotting a conspiracy to undermine the monarchy—and that Charles might even announce his claim to divorce in favor of his 10-year-old son, Wilts.

That suggestion, at least, appeared to be ditched. Whatever his marital woes, Charles has been issued from birth in Royal Family letters tradition of declining whatever must be done with regard for personal hardship. Men the point, notes Morton, there is

need for Charles to make such an announcement while the 44-year-old Queen remains healthy and on the throne. "It's a hypothetical issue," Morton told *Marion's* last week. "And anyone who studies the workings of the Royal Family knows that they don't deal in such notions. They deal in practical considerations." Most plausible were reports that Charles and Diana will stay married, but will lead their lives once more separately than before. That would mean fewer joint appearances, and separate staffs to handle their activities. Diana gave a hint of what that might imply in mid-November when she made a sole three-day visit to France, while Charles observed his 44th birthday at his country estate.

As usual, hardly any of the details of the alleged royal rift could be confirmed. Buckingham Palace reinforced its customary policy silence on all aspects of the couple's private life. The tabloids relied for their disclosures almost entirely on

word the *Sunday Mirror*. The *Daily Mirror* declared that, "every day of speculation or gossip, rumor or scandal, further tarnishes the throne."

The latest round of speculation started in late August, when *The Sun* revealed the taped conversations between a woman identified as Diana and a man it said was Gibeby, an old friend of the princess who was one of the main sources for Morton's book. The conversation was recorded on June 19, 1991, by a retired bank manager named Gibeby, who later sold it to the paper. Royal watchers who have heard the tape agree that it is genuine. Gibeby, talking on his car telephone to Diana, repeatedly calls the princess "darling" and the pet name "Squidgy." The tape contains no conclusive proof that the two were having an affair at the time, although other papers reported that Diana has been seen leaving Gibeby's London apartment late at night. At the very least, though, it showed that their friendship was of a sort that might smother any marriage, let alone one under the most intense scrutiny in the world.

In late October, police officials attempted to persuade skeptical royal watchers that the worst was over, that the prince and princess had put the upsets of the summer behind them and were even finding new life in their 11-year-old marriage. After confidential briefings by royal aides, the *Daily Mail* issued a headline: "In the wake of autumn is Diana's marriage?" It wasn't. "The Look in back—that pure Princess Diana once directed with devastating effect at Prince Charles. She and Charles may have set their sights on a fresh start." But that pretense lasted only days before being torpedoed by three events.

**Misery:** First, the couple's trip to Korea in early November, their first major joint fancy since Morton's book appeared, turned into a fiasco. British papers focused almost entirely on their supposedly hostile body language and Diana's refusal even to smile at Charles's presence. The tabloids asked: "How 'The Princess' and Charles then their courtiers were depicted three times as good-looking as the British. But, as usual with the tabloids, not all was as it seemed. One photograph published on the front page of almost every paper showed the couple smiling warmly about in apparent unity at each other's company—as the tabloids claimed. In fact, it was taken during a wreath-laying ceremony at a monument for soldiers killed in the Korean War, where somber looks are entirely appropriate.

The Korea trip was also notable for the first acknowledgment by a palace official that the Wales's marriage is indeed in deep trouble. During the tour, Peter Westmacott, deputy private secretary to Prince Charles, took the veteran royal correspondent of the *Daily Mirror*, James Whitaker, aside and urged him to concentrate on the serious sons of the tour. Whitaker later said that he asked Westmacott: "Are you trying to tell me this is a happy marriage?" Westmacott replied: "No, I am not trying to say that, but I am saying it has been unfair and exaggerated." Whitaker promptly reported the exchange, and set off a new round of critical headlines.

As soon as the couple returned to England, they were involved in new reports as the paperback edition of Morton's book was published in the United States and Canada. It



Charles and Diana taped conversations and suspicions of a conspiracy to destabilize the monarchy

the testimony of unidentified "friends" of Charles and Diana. And Britain's so-called "quality" press and television reported almost nothing about the latest revelations. None of that, however, stopped the mass-circulation papers from issuing dire warnings that the royal image, and even the institution of the monarchy itself, is being further damaged. "The Royal Family is setting a terrible example for the nation," thum-

contains a new chapter, which records the fallout from the original publication of the book. Morton claims that when the tape of Diana's conversation with Gilbey became public, she "immediately considered packing her bags and leaving the Royal Family and making life hell for me." But after speaking to the Queen, says Morton, the princess agreed to act aside any thoughts she might have had about a divorce and go ahead with the trip to Korea. Morton reports that Diana told one of her closest "friends," also unidentified: "They are not going to break me. I can't go anywhere."

At the same time, though, Morton claims that Prince Philip said Diana was his dearest as a "woman's" letter, claiming that she was undermining the Royal Family. That report led Diana to do what the royals almost never do: issue a public statement expressing genuine outrage. In her statement, the princess singled out reports that her relationship with the Queen and Prince Philip was bad. "The suggestion that they have been anything other than sympathetic and supportive is untrue and particularly harmful," she said. Her statement, however, attracted attention mostly for what it did not say: Diana conspicuously did not contradict reports that her marriage is a shambles.

**Misfires:** The third blow to the prince's public relations campaign landed in Morton's new revelations were still unfolding. The *Daily Mirror* reported that it had heard a tape of a telephone conversation between Charles and his old friend, Parker-Bowles, 43. The two sat at a pub match in 1972, long before Charles met Diana. According to a story widely repeated by the tabloids, their relationship began when Parker-Bowles allegedly told the prince: "My aristocratic mother was your great-grandfather's mistress. So how about it?" Charles reportedly told her to marry him, and when he left as a six-month tour of naval duty in early 1973, Canada went back to a previous boyfriend, Andrew Parson-Bowles, an army officer who also holds the unlikely title of Silver Stick in Waiting to the Queen. They married later that year and now have two teenage children.

The *Mirror* reported only a few words of the tape, which it said was recorded in December, 1988, from a mobile phone while Charles was staying at a mansion in Cheshire. According to the paper, they talked until 2 a.m. about arranging a secret rendezvous: Parker-Bowles told Charles: "I love you, darling." Charles at one point told her: "Four great advantages it is to love me." Much of the rest of the hour-long conversation, the *Mirror* said, was too "unsubstantiated" to be repeated. In another story, the newspaper claimed that it had other evidence showing "a passionate intimacy between Charles and Canada over a period of many years."

But some royal watchers remain skeptical about whether the Canada recording is goss-

ing. "There's absolutely no love affair there," said Harold Ebdon-Baker, the London-based publisher of *Books & Flavors*, a guide to the British aristocracy. "It's just a very close friendship. These people have to have close friends somewhere." Andrew Parson-Bowles, Canada's husband, said that reports of a liaison between Charles and his wife were "outrageous." But beyond that, the more serious issue involved how the tapes came to be made, and whether there was a conspiracy to distribute the recordings.

According to The Sun, Cyril Romano, the retired banker who recorded the Diana tape, picked up the \$2,000 radio scanner that he

passed to M-6. The *Daily Mirror* added its own twist to that theory. It claimed that M-6 kept a secret file on Prince Charles because of his friendship with Parker-Bowles, which it justified by fears for his security during clandestine overnight meetings with her at friends' country houses. The paper quoted a former officer in the police squad, which protects top royals, saying: "Prince Charles will never know how closely his movements were monitored at the highest level. His meetings with Mrs. Parker-Bowles occurred more or less on such a Russian spy's back-latter drops."

Those theories may be unfounded. But there is little doubt that behind the confus-



The Queen and Philip, 40 years on the throne

operates as a hobby at his house near Oxford. Such scanners can tune in on and record calls made from mobile phones. But experts have said they are puzzled by the fact that both women are recorded with royal chatter, which is unusual for such recordings. The *Mirror* has not said how it obtained the Charles and Camilla tape, nor how it was made. But some other analysts say that they doubt that private conversations between royals could have been picked up within less than two weeks of each other, and then made public more than two years later at the height of speculation about the Prince's marriage. "It does seem strange, to say the least," says Morton.

A Conservative MP last week suggested his own theory without offering any proof. Geoffrey Dickens claimed that the evidence suggests that Britain's domestic intelligence agency, MI-6, might be involved. "The recording is of such high quality that a leftie could have been using some of the most sensitive and sophisticated electronic equipment in the world," he said. "Then, I have to say, tends to

supporters are groups of friends and courtiers trying to put forward evidence that will make Charles or Diana look good. Morton's book noted heavily an instance from some of her closest friends, including Gilbey, her former mistress Carolyn Beatholmes and her brother Earl Spencer. Other royal watchers have

inferred testimony from Charles's anonymous "intimacy," giving his side of the story. In the process, both sides have blackened the other, leaving the public with the impression that the prince is cheerless whatever is said to one his beautiful wife, while the princess is a wild, self-indulgent schemer. The result has been a fall in public respect for the Royal Family, and a significant rise in the number of Britons who believe that the monarchy is destined to disappear.

In fact, according to one of Britain's most respected commentators, those views of the prince and princess are unfounded. William Rees-Mogg, a former editor of the newspaper, *The Times*, who now sits in the House of Lords, wrote last week that much of the problem is a

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1894-1952  
m. Queen Elizabeth  
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**QUEEN ELIZABETH II**  
born 1926  
m. Prince Philip of Greece

**11. PRINCESS MARGARET**  
born 1930



Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth's younger sister, divorced her photographer husband, Antony Armstrong-Jones, in 1979.



Andrew, Duke of York, 36, and Sarah Ferguson, 36, formally separated in March and are expected to divorce.



Prince Edward, a theatrical producer, he dropped out of the Royal Marines in 1987 and has not married.

Anne, the Princess Royal, Queen Elizabeth's only daughter, is divorced from her husband, Mark Phillips.



The Queen Mother. At 82, she remains one of the most popular members of the royal family.

**1. PRINCE CHARLES**  
born 1948  
m. Lady Diana Spencer

**2. PRINCE WILLIAM OF WALES**  
born 1952

**3. PRINCE HENRY OF WALES**  
born 1954

**4. ANDREW, DUKE OF YORK**  
m. Sarah Ferguson

**5. PRINCESS BEATRICE OF YORK**  
born 1964

**6. PRINCESS EUGENE OF YORK**  
born 1968

**7. PRINCE EDWARD**  
born 1966

**8. ANNE, THE PRINCESS ROYAL**  
m. Capt. Mark Phillips (divorced 1973)

**9. PETER PHILLIPS**  
born 1977

**10. ZARA PHILLIPS**  
born 1981



result of the nature of Charles's upbringing—cut off from his parents' affection and from ordinary people as he sat in the throne in the isolated splendor of Buckingham Palace. Diana, he noted, also came from a troubled background, her mother left her father when she was just six.

Further complicating the picture is the fact that the princess is far tougher and more audacious than her father-in-law would suggest. "So we are a high-spirited, nervous man, worried by an unhappy childhood, needing some emotional reassurance that his young bride lacked the maturity to give," Rees-Hagg observed. "And we are a young lady, attractive and strong-willed, feeling herself distanced by her husband who perhaps went back to a woman who did give him the emotional reassurance he craved."

The result has been a mutual breakdown in their marriage, although almost all observers agree that neither partner wants a divorce. Instead, they are likely to get their de facto separation on a more formal basis, with Diana living at their Kensington Palace apartment in London and at Blythwood, their country residence in Gloucestershire. Charles, according to some reports, will find another residence as his base. The couple will probably cut down the number of joint appearances even further, and Diana will have her own staff and spend less time at the Royal Family's traditional private get-togethers, such as their customary Christmas party at Sandringham, the Queen's estate in Norfolk.

Some tabloids predict that the couple might soon issue a statement outlining the new arrangement, but Andrew Morton disagrees. "Why make an announcement about an informal accommodation?" he asked in the meantime, a friend of the prince, Lady Trion, publicly begged the news media to "Please leave them alone. Please, please, please." Still, as Charles and Diana's marriage appeared to hurt from one crisis to another, that plus seemed almost certain to fall on deaf ears.

ANDREW PHILLIPS in London

# SCENES FROM A FAMILY ALBUM

## THE ROYALS IN CLOSE-UP



Charles and Diana in early days in Scotland after their engagement (above) and at their wedding in 1981 (above right); Diana and her sons with the Queen Mother at the Trooping of the Color ceremony in London in June, 1989



The Duke and Duchess of York with daughter Beatrice before their estrangement (above); Charles's long-time friend from before his marriage, Camilla Parker-Bowles (above right)



Diana making one of her frequent appearances, with veterans at the Royal Hospital in the Chelsea district of London (left); Prince Philip fishing in August with the youngest of his three sons, Prince Edward

# THE PRINCE OF THE PACK

A BOOK ON DIANA BRINGS ITS AUTHOR WEALTH

**P**ublishers and journalists have long known that focusing on the success of the Royal Family can turn a man into bad luck. But it took a 38-year-old reporter, whose nickname is Superman, to show them just how much. Andrew Morton's biography of the Princess of Wales, *Diana: Her Story*, has become an international publishing sensation with three million copies in print around the world, in 25 languages. For Morton himself, the book has provided instant wealth, published estimates of his earnings from the book range from a low of \$3.6 million up to a staggering \$6.5 million. Morton asserts that he does not know how much he will make. But he adds with deliberate understatement: "It's clear that I've made a very handsome return, from my endeavors."

Morton's endeavors have turned him into the prince of the so-called rat pack of reporters who teach the public and probe activities of the Royal Family for the British tabloid newspapers. Even those who do not bid the financial pot, as Morton has done, find it a lucrative occupation. The dean of the group, James Whitaker of the *Daily Mirror*, boasts that he earns the equivalent of about \$100,000 a year and \$400,000 in expenses. Despite the risk of a fatal release or constant sources and their tendency to contradict elaborate tales out of one's own head, Whitaker maintains that he and his colleagues usually get their stories "80-per-cent right and 20-per-cent wrong." But, at the same time, he acknowledges that they are dealing with what amounts to gossip, and, "with good gossip it doesn't even matter if it's accurate—so long as it's a good story."

**Superman:** Morton's run began 11 years ago when he joined the tabloid *Daily Star* in London. A native of the Yorkshire town of Doncaster, he is silent, fair-skinned and with his sister-owned gold locks has a pleasing resemblance to Clark Kent. Superman's fictional alter ego, *the Star* is fact, he once disappeared as a Superman costume as part of a publicity stunt which earned him his nickname. According to one *Planet* *Star* story, he was put on the royal list, because "he is tall enough to peer at his quarry over the heads of crowds. After covering the couple for two other tabloids, the *News of the World* and the *Daily Mail*, he began writing books on the family in 1987. *Diana: Her Story* is his sixth, and

by far the most successful. Aside from its occasional mentions about the Princess of Wales's ended marital attempts and embassies to her marriage, it is unique because none of Diana's closest friends cooperated in preparing it. Typically, in discussing her attitude toward the Royal Family, Morton quotes an unnamed friend of Diana's as saying that, "she took the monarchy cynophobic and completely outdated with no relevance to today's



Morton no 'ave to grin against the monarchy'

life and problems. She feels that it is a confusing situation, and believes that the family must know what has led to it in a few years' time when it changes too."

Morton's success has aroused some jealousy among some of his former colleagues, and led to criticism that he is a closet republicanism not to undermine the monarchy. The *Evening Standard*, another London tabloid, quoted him as saying during an official tour of Japan by the Prince and Princess of Wales: "It will take 20 years to bring down the Royal House of Windsor, and I am very happy to live off the collapse." Morton flatly denies making the

statement. In an interview last week, he maintained that he just tries to report on the monarchy as he would on any other institution. "I have no great axe to grind against the monarchy," he said. "In fact, I believe it is a useful institution for Britain, in terms of being the public face of its foreign policy and the human face of its domestic policy." And with regards to recently getting articles about the royalized him, Morton said, "by and large I could be accused of being overly favorable to the Royal Family."

**Drama:** Estimates of Morton's earnings from his latest book are based on projected sales around the world. His publisher, Michael O'Mara Books of London, printed just 40,000 copies of *Diana: Her Story* to begin with. Those sold out in a single day when the book appeared amid a blaze of publicity in early June, and it is now in its 12th printing. There are 350,000 hardback copies in print in Britain, 700,000 in the United States and Canada, 300,000 in book clubs, and about 1.6 million elsewhere in the world in languages as diverse as Korean and Icelandic. Besides, Morton is making money from syndication rights, two television projects and the new paperback editions of the book. Its impact has transformed Morton from an observer to a major character in the royal drama in the unrelenting voice of Diana's camp as her power struggle with Prince Charles "None could have foreseen that would be so big," he says. "It's gigantic."

And there is no end in sight to public interest—or publishers' profits. Many British bookstores have opened "royal" sections to house the steady stream of books about the famous family: their homes, spouses, illnesses, cars, travels, hobbies, horses and foibles. In Britain, two specialist monthly magazines, *Majesty* and *Playboy* vie for the attention of devoted fans. And a juicy report, especially one featuring the Princess of Wales, can add tens of thousands of copies to the sales of a tabloid like the *Mirror* or *The Sun*. For reporters like Morton, that is a line that has proven hard to resist. "It is a fascinating story which is unfolding and unravelling at the moment," he says, "and I want to uncover it for the foreseeable future." For the embittered royalists, that may not be the most welcome news.

ANDREW PHILLIPS in London



COVER

## HISTORY ON FIRE FLAMES DEVOUR A STATE TREASURE

**I**n grounds cover 13 acres, it contains 1,500 years and has served as a home to British kings, queens and their families for more than 900 years. William the Conqueror built the main part of the fortress, later a residence, that came to be known as Windsor Castle, shortly after his conquest of England in 1066. And Queen Elizabeth II still spends most weekends at the sprawling estate that stands on a hill overlooking the Thames River, 30 km west of London. Last Friday she watched anxiously as a fire raged in the historic building for four hours before about 300 firefighters succeeded in containing the flames. The Queen had rushed to Windsor from her main residence at Buckingham Palace in central London and helped to remove prized objects from parts of the castle attacked by the blaze. Prince Andrew, the only member of the Royal Family at the castle at the time, joined as a human chain to remove cars and precious objects. Later, he told reporters of the devastation that he had witnessed, and said of his mother's reaction "Her Majesty is shocked."

The prompt rescue efforts of Andrew and the male staff saved most of the Queen's precious collection of Old Masters and antiquities at Windsor—the fire claimed just four or five valuable paintings. But it caused millions of dollars of damage to the building itself, destroy-



The castle fire; the Queen watching below: 'Her Majesty is shocked'

ing an entire wing containing a 13th-century banquet hall often used to entertain visiting heads of state. Its cause was still to be determined, but investigators quickly ruled out sabotage and were focusing on repairing work that was being done at the castle. Controversy erupted immediately over who should foot the bill for repairs to a building which was unsanitary because of its enormous value. Opponents of Andrew said that the responsibility rested with the Queen, not the British taxpayers.

Besides containing a remarkable art collection that includes works by Rembrandt and Leonardo da Vinci, the castle is rich in royal history. Several kings, including Henry VIII and Charles I, were buried there. Over the centuries, various monarchs had the castle refurbished, rebuilt or enlarged. During her reign, Queen Elizabeth has adopted Windsor Castle as one of her favorite residences. She spends a week there every year at Easter, and a week in June during the Royal Ascot horse races, held 10 km from Windsor Castle. For a monarch whose last week by new revelations of marital discord in her family, the destruction of her home was just one more nightmare event in a year that was supposed to have been a celebration of her 40 years on the throne. And it happened on a day replete with family significance: the 45th anniversary of her wedding to Prince Philip.

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Mansbridge (left), Wollan on Prime Time News: Fear and loathing in the ranks

## BROADCASTING

# Mixing the signals

CBC employees grapple with 'repositioning'

**I**s a CBC Radio newscaster in Montreal, staff members have mounted photographs of network chief Gerald Wollan on walls and ceilings—along with the caption, "The president is watching you." In Toronto, flags are reportedly as chaotic and fractious behind the scenes at the Redging 9 p.m. news and information program, *Prime Time News*. But it has captured the nationwide "This Hour Has Seven Senses," a play on the network's 1980s program *This Hour Has Nine Senses*. And more than 1,000 CBC employees—including *Prime Time* hosts Peter Mansbridge and Pamela Wallin—have signed a petition decrying the way the CBC dealt with complaints about the Second World War documentary series *The Valour and the Honour*. At Canada's national public broadcaster, fear and loathing seems to have reached a fever pitch. Said a former *Journal* staff member: "Morale is bad across the board. There is a real sense of loss on the part of everyone, both in news and in what used to be current affairs."

But even by eight years of government cuts and close scrutiny on the part of many Conservative MPs, the CBC stumbled into the 1990s. And with the impending proliferation of viewing options as direct-broadcast satellite comes on-stream, clashing an already competitive TV landscape, it seemed clear that the network had to redefine itself. That process began this

year, with Wallin's so-called repositioning strategy. The biggest change was the dissolution of *The National* and *The Journal*, and their replacement, at 8 p.m., with *Prime Time News*, which first aired on Nov. 5. But so far, the CBC makeover has been uneasy at best, and *Prime Time* is suffering from growing pains.

At the same time, many CBC staff members interpret ombudsman William Morley's recent criticism of *The Valour and the Honour* as proof of the network's new willingness to capitulate to government pressure—and of a disavowed commitment to provocative information programming. Morley's Nov. 18 report described the series as out to get to the CBC standards. Groups including the Canadian Independent Press Council and the Writers Guild of Canada quickly denounced the ombudsman's critique as unfair.

The Toronto head of the Association of Television Producers and Directors collected more than 1,000 names on a petition condemning the ombudsman's equity process as "arbitrary and arbitrary," and calling his report an attempt to "oppress the Senate," which had conducted hearings to evaluate the show. Last week, Wollan asked to meet with news members on Nov. 28 to discuss the controversy.

The petition says that the ombudsman's report has "put a chill" on controversial documentary production and is "problematic in general." CBC chairman Patrick Wilson, a veteran

documentary maker who many observers hoped would add his voice to the chorus of protest against the ombudsman, told Morley that he, too, is concerned about journalists feeling that there was less support for provocative information programming. "We've got to make sure this last episode, which has spread some chill, doesn't spread it very far," he said. "I don't think you see the chill on the air, but you certainly hear it in the corridors." The chairman did, however, defend the inclusion program and contended that it would compensate Morley's testimony if Wilson or the CBC board in its capacity were to condemn the ombudsman's report.

Last week, the debate between the ombudsman and Gullies, the Montreal company that coproduced the series with the CBC and the National Film Board, ended. Gullies had released a detailed rebuttal of the ombudsman's document on Nov. 10. Then, last week, the ombudsman released a 15-page response to Gullies's rebuttal, contending that the producers of *The Valour and the Honour*, which means documentary footage with dramatic sequences, "did make up words and put them into the mouth of actors portraying real people."

But McKenna—who directed the series and co-wrote it with his brother Steven, a reporter at *Prime Time News*, told Morley that the latest ombudsman's remarks in merely a "disrespectful" attempt to malign him and his film-making partners. He said that he refused to give Morley additional documentation proving that the words spoken by the actors were enclosed by the available sources, but that Morley did not ask for it. "For us, this is simply a betrayal of good faith," McKenna. "We expected fairness."

At *Prime Time* news, meanwhile, there is a pervasive sense that CBC management has left journalists in the lurch. Several *Prime Time* staff members, all speaking on condition of anonymity, were critical of the new show's format and its 8 p.m. slot, arguing that viewers were turning away. A.C. Nelson's ratings for *Prime Time* did indicate that the average audience dropped from 1,073,000 for the first five weeks to 860,000 for the second week, marginally less than the *National* and *Journal* news split in the last 18 months. However, *Prime Time* assistant producer Ron Crocker contended that the ratings were for the first 12 days alone, averages of a respectable million-plus. Said Crocker: "I'm not apologetic—I'm proud of that figure. The reality is that we're in the heart of prime time, when competition is most fierce."

Still, a larger question is the number of viewers for the *Prime Time* suggests that there is still a lag demand for late-night information programming—and that the CBC is benefiting from the demise of local CBC news in 11 p.m. Newslines. Figures show that during the week that *Prime Time* debuted, the *Journal* registered an average 1,366,000 viewers, a striking 20-percent increase over its viewership during the first eight weeks of the fall season. And in the week of Nov. 5, it attracted 1,436,000. Overall, however, the CBC's all-news cable channel, the 10 p.m. news program *The National*, a half-hour spinoff of the old network show, has been attracting 50,800 viewers on average up from the 33,000 who used to watch *This Country* that period. Still see former *Journal* staff member: "The time slot is one of the big concerns right now in the passing the longevity of *Prime Time*."

When you see the ratings shoot up to 1.4 million, it is a pretty good indication that all these viewers who were supposed to be in bed are watching TV."

Many *Prime Time* staff members express dissatisfaction with the mix of news reports, interviews and short documentaries. Particularly troubled are former *Journal* employees, who say they are worried that a long-standing documentary tradition is being abandoned. And new staff members: "They act as if there has been a long hiatus, and we're all the believers." She added: "The whole art of documentary-making is being upended. And there has been no consultation from management that it is wrong." Crocker, however, insists that *Prime Time* does have a strong commitment to documentary.

news, which have run about every day. And he says that the discontent of some staffers is understandable: "People feel abandoned," he said. "They have five or 10 years' allegiance to past programs. The *National* and *The Journal*." Crocker also noted that there was very little time to prepare the new show, and that it is evolving—"The staff is only now in the stages of becoming coherent."

Underlying the anxiety about new shows and the CBC's commitment to provocative documentaries is the perennial concern about layoffs. With a projected shortfall of \$63 million for the 1993-1994 fiscal year, the spectre of staff cuts looms ever present. "People are getting out their rubbers and doing rewrites," one employee. "Between the show and the staff, and knowing whether you're going to kill out your contract, things are very uncertain."

PATRICIA HENCHY and DEANE TORRIDGE with correspondence reports



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## PAINTING WITH SONG

Leonard Cohen is an hour, but the singer-songwriter is not performing—he is talking. The Montreal native, who now spends half of his time in Los Angeles, is promoting his eleventh album, *The Future*. After a Toronto meet-and-greet on Nov. 18, reporters lined up for his autograph, a rare occurrence even for big stars. Asked about Bob Dylan, Cohen called the folkinger “the Platoon of this generation of song”—adding, “I’m the Maltese.” Later, he modestly described himself as “some lyricist on the side. But Platoon really defined the age.”



Cohen sharing a lovely experience

## Changing seats

When her CBC *Middleground* host, Ralph Klein, retired, departed from the current affairs show last April, Valerie Pringle shared the desk with a succession of temporary hosts. “I’ve sat next to every man in Canadian broadcasting,” she told *Midweek’s News*, it is Pringle who is changing seats. On Jan. 4, the 28-year-old broadcaster will move to CTV to become the new co-host of *Canada’s AM*, the private network’s morning show. Her co-host there will be Scott Morrison, who cohosted *Midday* with Pringle eight years ago. Pringle releases Pringle Kille, the latest book of the popular show, who recently moved to CBC to co-host the public network’s new evening newscast, *Prime Time News*.

Pringle: needing to do something new

The Toronto-based broadcaster, a mother of three children aged between 5 and 12, said that she wanted more challenges but needed a question that would not involve working long nights or extensive traveling. Said Pringle: “I needed to do something new. The second night.”

## PERFUME AND POULTRY

“The Royal Winter Fair is very seductive,” says Paddy Ann Burns. Wife of Latham Burns, honorary chairman of Toronto’s brokerage house Burns Fry Ltd., Burns has attended Toronto’s yearly agricultural fair for 41 of her 47 years. Her earliest memories of the event mix the scent of lavender with that of animals and straw. Said Burns, who this year organized the decoration of the equestrian ring with flowers: “This is one time of the year that people can step back into a slower, gentler time.”



Burns stepping back into a slower, gentler time

## SHOOTING STARS

As a young man, Neelof Karth was sent by his family to study under Boston portrait photographer John Guro. Said Karth, now 33: “He lived very gradually and knew many vibrant people, so I said to myself, I will only photograph famous people.” Canada’s best-known photographer died his Ottawa studio in June, almost 60 years after he began his career. But the recent publication of his first book of portraits from 1953, *Karth: American Legends*, demonstrates that he is far from retirement. Said Karth: “By taking pictures, I am sharing a lovely experience with others.”

## Back to the land

With U.S. men’s movement guru Robert Bly and Toronto Jungian analyst Marion Woodman like to work sessions. Bly, the author of *Iron John*, often leads wilderness workshops in which men perform primitive rituals to explore their inner selves. Woodman conducts similar workshops for women. But for a new six-part CBC TV *Northern* series, Bly & Woodman on Nov. 6, 1996, they worked with 36 participants outdoors, in front of cameras. “I found it surprising at first,” said Woodman. “People react better to the rhythm in nature.”

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Vanderhaeghe: hardened, insouciant men puzzled or entranced by their misfortune

## BOOKS

# Great pretenders

An author explores the dynamics of denial

THINGS AS THEY ARE

By Guy Vanderhaeghe  
(McClelland & Stewart, \$19.95, 320 pages, ISBN 95)

It is the title story of Guy Vanderhaeghe's new short story collection, *Things as They Are!* The Russian writer Anton Chekhov: "The famous objectivity, the pitiless refusal to dilute himself, to see clearly and set his heart," he thinks. "The acceptance of things as they are." In the 10 stories, Vanderhaeghe adopts that approach—some as his characters tell well short of that ideal. From the alcoholic widow defrauded by a con man to the lonely man finding his renewed friendship as a young boy, many of them are deeply moved in detail of how things are. But in the Saskatchewan author's explicit hands, that bleak struggle-gone-grass situation makes for compelling, and often surprisingly comic—reading.

Vanderhaeghe, 41, has an uncanny ear for the remarkable that was evident in his first book, *Mias* (Macmillan), a collection of short stories that won the 1985 Governor General's Award, and two subsequent novels, *My Private Age* (1984) and *Homerick* (2000). He is particularly adept at capturing the speech of a character that occurs in his stories: hardened, manipulative men puzzled or entranced by their misfortune. In "Mias on Blomback," a grown son learns that his father, a lifelong housewife, has cancer. The two avoid at identity, a battle of wits between them, and the only comment the father can make is, "Dear God damn thing nobody could ever say about me was that I

mistaken a horse. I never mistaken a horse. Am I right or am I wrong?"

Two other stories, "Horse Pies" and "Run," explore the father-son bond, both dealing communication gaps as wide as the prairie fields. And "Lewissiana Has Its Chances" beautifully delineates another warring bond: bitterness and horrifying of the same time. The story focuses on the neglected Uncle Cecil, a lonely bachelor who only had maternal his pedophilic tendencies towards 12-year-old Charlie. Although no harm comes to the boy, their relationship ends badly. And it is a warning of Vanderhaeghe's narrative skills that Charlie endures a believable transformation from a craggy, keep observing the described Cecil's "top let one walking around in the seat of his pants. But one bulging lighting in a flannel neck" to a boy confused by his sudden compassion for the old man.

At times, Vanderhaeghe's humor seems almost glib. In "Teacher," a comic tale of revenge, a premonition by describes his hated teacher looking in at "Sitting Bull had been perched at our local beauty parlor." Still, *Things as They Are!* offers exquisite tales pleasures. The title story includes bizarre elements—murder, a crippled hero victim, a girl in her coffin, a widow and cotillion in a Chinese restaurant—that converge into a disturbing, yet strongly redemptive tale. Two years after his first collection of short stories, Vanderhaeghe has descended with another polished volume of finely crafted tales.

DIANE TURBIDE

# The sins of the past

A forgotten trauma pulls a man's life apart

THE GIRL WITH THE BUTTERFLI FACE  
By W. D. Valdes  
(Douglas & McIntyre, 214 pages, ISBN 95)

The memorable portrait of British Columbia in W. D. Valdes's second novel opens some charmed scenarios. *The Girl with the Butterfly Face* makes Canada's westernmost province seem less a landscape than the damp, gloomy roller of the natural psyche. Set in Victoria, where Valdes teaches creative writing at the university, the book portrays that apparently genteel city as a curiously sane for the time, the serene and the outright mad. And it is the periods of calmness that make them that way. "The whole city is depressed," insists Bob, the unrelentingly narrator. "Someone told me he's heard of an entire apartment block on 'Valium.'" Middle-aged and thickly bespectacled, Bob is himself one of the walking wounded. His wife dominates him. His job teaching English in college students, who can barely spell basic facts. His poetry books crumpled and up on the remainder tables. His only solace is a small little restaurant, the Green Café, where a beautiful waitress called Skane—the girl with the butterfly face—treats him with gentle respect. But one day she disappears, and the sad collage of his life quickly comes apart.

Beyond the novel's dark, peckily humor lies a serious attempt to come to terms with anxious breakdown and the long-term effects of child abuse. Bob has spent his adult life fleeing his demons. When, with the help of a psychiatrist, he finally confronts them, he falls headlong into an abyss of pain and agonized realizations.

Bob's search to find out exactly what happened to him gets *The Girl with the Butterfly Face* anywhere the rest of any current north (and there) in which a forgotten trauma is the evocative mystery. Indeed, the uncovering of childhood memories has become a rather hackneyed theme, from which Valdes does not entirely escape: there is something morbidly predictable in the way he strips down Bob's defenses to reveal the secrets of his soul.

Valdes's manipulation of his material may be too obvious, but the material itself bears with admirable authenticity. Bob's ongoing struggle becomes an occasion for comedy, tragedy and the best of laughter that somehow entices both

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## FILMS

# Magic-carpet rides

Escapism reigns in three holiday movies



Hollywood: a pop star in a cross between a Baroque romance and a music video

Hollywood is getting a jump on the holiday season with three new money-offering romances for every agegroup. They include *Aladdin*, a cartoon feature that takes a magic carpet short-cut to its wit; *Home Alone 2*, a comedy for children who covet their parents' credit cards; and *The Bodyguard*, a romance thriller starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston.

**ALADDIN**  
Directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

In his movie roles, Robin Williams has rarely found an opportunity to express the full range of his comic virtuosity. Conversely, he often ends up restraining his wider impulses for the sake of creating a credible character. But as the voice of the Genie in *Aladdin*, Disney's new cartoon spectacle, Williams has finally found a role that lets him off the leash. And he is amazing. From the instant the Genie pops out of Aladdin's lamp, he becomes a one-man Las Vegas revue. Williams casts him into a myriad of characters, from glitzy lounge crooner to TV game-show host—as well as celebrities including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jack Nicholson, Robert De Niro and Sébastien. But as *Aladdin*, Williams is more than a voice. The Genie's gleeful bohemian changes with each shift of the actor's performance. Behind the mask of animatronics, Williams has discovered a joyous stage for stand-up comedy.

After the success of *The Little Mermaid* (1990) and last year's *Beauty and the Beast*,

Disney is on a roll. The sixth classic fairy tale adapted by the studio, *Aladdin* is a precious puppet romance set to music and sung by Rita Moreno and Howard Ashman, the Oscar-winning composers of *Murder and Mystery* and *Tin Tin*. The new movie's music is less infectious. But the animation is thrilling—computer wizardry works wonders with Aladdin's levit'ing carpet. And the movie, levitated by giddy laughs by Williams and his overwrought wit, merits a welcome departure from Disney's conservative tradition.

**HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK**  
Directed by Chris Columbus

The best is back. Macaulay Culkin, the blond, blue-eyed boy with the precocious past, returns to the role that turned him into a Hollywood gold mine. To the conservation of many critics, *Home Alone* (1990) became the top-grossing comedy ever. Taking no chances, the makers of the sequel have manufactured a completely clean remake of the original movie—even duplicating some of the plots. But *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* is as unrepentant, more humorous model. The slapstick violence, which had a nasty edge of realism in the first version, is fancier, fancier and more cartoonish. With his own formula, writer-producer John Hughes has also added an eye-watering glass of Christmas sentiment to a story dedicated to the spirit of opportunism.

*Home Alone's* leading cast members have all

returned to cash in on the sequel. John Heard and Catherine O'Hara replay their roles as parents of a squabbling brood in a Chicago mansion. This season, they have descended the family mansion from Fresno to Phoenix. Kevin (Culkin) gets separated at the airport and ends up on a plane to New York City. Armed with his father's wallet, he promptly checks into the Plaza Hotel and goes home on room service. And once again he uses elaborate booby traps to foil the hangers-on (Peech and Daniel Stern).

The sequel offers some racy performances in minor roles, notably by Tim Curry as an obnoxious concierge and Brenda Fricker as a loathsome pigeon lady in Central Park. The best, however, which makes a virtue of silliness and greed, is as obvious as ever. And the sequel adds a performing nod to the genre: while the ancestors of Kevin's family are up to their elbows in gifts on Christmas morning, he lights up the heart of the homeless woman with a dinky tree ornament. Children, however, seem to take delight in a comedy that makes a role model of a spoiled child on the loose. And that alone makes *Home Alone 2* a highly lousy entertainment.

**THE BODYGUARD**  
Directed by Mick Jackson

It is like a cross between a Baroque romance and a pop music video, wrapped in the sleek shell of a suspense thriller. From the publicity poster, which shows Kevin Costner carrying a leather-wrapped Whitney Houston to the music of a Coast/Arca-Geared duet on an airport runway, *The Bodyguard* mounts a nostalgic defense of classic Frank Sinatra, an ex-scientist service agent turned personal/bodyguard, in the ultimate strong, silent type, a man who would take a bullet for his client without blinking. In her first screen role, Houston plays the client, an alternately sweet and bratty pop star named Rachel who has just performed her first screen role (and done so twice over). Rachel appears to be a composite of Barbra Streisand, Madonna, Doreen Rouse and Whitney Houston. Can Houston act? Her performance is not Oscar bait, but within the role's modest range, she acquits herself with a natural ease, and gets to sing hell of a duet song along the way.

Costner, meanwhile, tries to tame playing an otherworldly hero, a mix of few words and even fewer emotions. After Rachel removes death threats from a fan, Frank reluctantly agrees to protect her. He is appalled by her ill-mannered retainer. And she is a difficult client, unwilling to change her habits for the sake of security. Rachel is once attacked in Frank as an escort than as a bodyguard—"Is this a full-service date?" she asks as they finally enjoy a quiet drink together.

Costner and Houston are both sure to look it, And the movie lags the momentous location with the backstage misadventures of show business. But, with a suspense plot that triggers alarms of incredibility, *The Bodyguard* remains no more than a serviceable thriller.

ERIAN D. JOHNSON

# How to read buildings

An architect explains his profession

LOOKING AROUND: A JOURNEY THROUGH ARCHITECTURE  
by Richard Rogers  
(Vintage/Cohen, 351 pages, \$24.95)

In the Western world throughout most of the 19th century, architects and the general public have scarcely been in contact. In the 1950s and 1960s, when Modernism began to change architecture in the 1950s and 1960s,

remained Rybczynski's primary interest. In addition to writing two books on the subject, he has worked on housing projects in several developing countries. And two years ago, with McGill colleague An Pedersen, he introduced the Grouse House, a two-story flat that can be built for only \$40,000. Since then, commercial developers have erected more than 300 Grouse Houses in the Montreal area. Such articles as "House Sweet Buildings



Rybczynski has new books on a graceful structure

Home" and "An American in Blue Jeans and Sweat Shirts," which recall the old-fashioned front porch, reflect Rybczynski's appreciation of easy domesticity. In "A Housewrecked House," he leaves himself open to attack from exterior persons by admitting that houses by famous architects depress him. "There is no sense of time in these perfect houses spring-

fully formed from the minds of their creators," he writes. "There is no room for the gradual but enduring ideologies that are revealed when houses are lived in and lovingly modified to fit the lives of their owners."

Still, unlike Prince Charles, the most canapote architectural reactionary of recent years, Rybczynski realizes that it is impossible to turn back the clock. In one essay, he describes himself as an advocate of a "historicist attitude" rather than a particular historical style. He argues that "an awareness of history—the successes and failures of the past—should inform architectural design to a greater degree than it now does."

Rybczynski is very much a realist. In "In the Mill" he complains that art movements are acquiring the sickness of shopping bags and advertisements that they have good reason for doing so. "Masses require the income generated by restaurants and gift shops, by films and lectures, as well as by special events," he writes. "Given this new conservatism, it's not surprising that the art alone should begin to appear as entrepreneurial glue."

Most of the pieces in *Looking Around* are well researched and thoughtful, but a few have a dated-out quality. And there is the small matter of the dust jacket, given that thousands of great buildings have been over the centuries, giving the Grouse House on the cover front at least a little bit of age.

PAMELA YOUNG

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# Pass the gin and spike the ammunition

BY ALLAN FOTHERINGHAM

**W**e all know the scene. At a banquet or formal dinner or service club luncheon, the chairman rises to give, everyone stands and he pronounces, "The Queens," and everyone murmurs assent. Your faithful scribe always raises his glass and proclaims, "To a foreign queen," since because she lives in a palace in another country for across an ocean she seems clearly a foreigner to us. This used to tend to make the conversation over the following meal somewhat tatty.

A change, however, has been noted. My regular host does not elect the previous host's toast. Slowly, Canadians are getting the message. The release of the Royal is amazing. One does not have to be a voyeur to be astonished at the self-destruction.

Let's see. Can we get this straight. Buckingham Palace is suggested of using a space satellite to tap the phone of Prince Charles in his late evening to Canada Parler-Becker, while a hard operator has picked up the juicy bits of Princess Diana over a cellular phone coming into the ear of an heir to a gun fortune.

Are we missing anything? Oh yes. Fergie, also the Duchess of York, is now in giving the royal making about. Randy Andy to an audience of emotionally disturbed people. And you think Bill Clinton is having problems with his cat.

Actually, this would make a long-running disaster in London's West End, rivaling the marathon run of Agatha Christie's *The Mirror*. How can't beat the plot. It's got everything needed: sex, money, power, rebellion.

There was the Duke of York, getting things off with a bang, courtesy of Rod Stark, the soft-porn queen who made the tabloids rich. Told to clean up his act, he landed and married the loose-haired Tricky who had been living for some years with a much older polo player, and if Buck House doesn't have trouble when it appears, they were bored to this one.

Heroes are always hanging around the Royal, as are dogs, and there is Princess Anne who is getting divorced from her hairy husband, who has been charged by a New Zealand



lady who is acquainted with athletes and says what's-in-it-for-me. Anne's been labeled her child.

Meanwhile, back at the castle, speaking of gin, there is Princess Margaret whose heart was broken when Buck House did not let her marry the dashing Peter Townsend and then she was abandoned by marrying a famous photographer, who was thought of as rather big, but then got divorced, and when last heard of she was spending a lot of time on a small Caribbean island with a much younger, better-dressed chap who seemed to like to make stress.

And then there is Prince Edward, who doesn't seem much interested in girls, and who announced he didn't fancy the nursing he was taking in his military apprenticeship and went into the theatre instead, thus bringing us the world of his Prussian father, who seems just mildly confused about the whole case.

So that leaves three disastrous marriages

and one chap who doesn't fancy it, and you can hardly blame him. After Don Quixote and the Republicans assailed the fictitious Murphy Brown, Caroline Berger said that Murphy couldn't possibly do as well a job at raising children as the Berghams had done with theirs. You could say the same for a Royal.

Meanwhile, back at the palace, Fergie who says she's going for a rest ends up topless on the Riviera, having her toes sucked by a Texas who was supposed to be her financial adviser, while her two small girls, the Scotland Yard guards and a photo's soon less witches.

Things are getting so bad that the Gorgon go berserk and take the Queen on the side. The Princess father, helping things out, writes a blistering note to Diana accusing her of betrayal, a move which her friends instantly leak to the tabloids.

This follows the news that the princess, now known as "Squidgy" to loyal followers of the soap opera, has been blowing into her car phone: sweet outcries meant for the ear of James O'Hilly of the gas family. This can be the only consolation for the Queen Mother who lacks the substance.

By now, Charles, who talks to Fergie—with good reason—has been caught in his own telephone tap: expressing ardent devotion to 30-year-old Canada, whose husband Reginald Andrew Parker-Bowles, a member to the Queen, disavows it all as "trabish."

And former Gloucestershire police constable Andy Jansen, known long, has gone after condemning at evening Chalk and Canada, confessing behind a sofa, and the future king of England, his area as a slung because of a pet's accident, having to make "adjusting his clothing." Charles goes

to talk to some aware flowers and offers to relocate the crown to son Wills, who fortunately cannot read the tabloids.

And Fergie, her two apparently now entirely changed, turns up twice a week at Group Analytical Practice, working out her problems on a 12-step program similar to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. And Dr. patron of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence, takes a swipe at Chalk in a speech talking about how parents should make their children feel wanted and "bugging has no harmful side effects."

Those who know us the tabloids—say that the Charles-Candice saga cannot be repeated because it is so explicit "as to be embezzled." And Dr. has supposedly been told about cellular phones and Fergie instructed that the more lines the best moment.

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